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Commenced June 8. 1841.
by Sylvester Judd.
of Northampton.

Visits to Hadley

1844 April 25. Rode to Hadley on business.
1845. April 14. Visited Holyoke, Lawrence Plain, Fort River. See Nat Hs. 2. 25
" April 23 " Hadley Meadow, & up to Mill River, Mt Warner, &c
See Nat Hist. 2. 38 to 42
" May 6. " Mt Holyoke, &c. — See Nat. Hist 2, 45
" May 10. " Mt Holyoke, & North side & S. side — See Nat Hist 2, 55.

[illegible] Europe is [illegible] governments of Europe are in the hands of soulless and corrupt financiers. The Philistines are upon them—the Philistines of the bourses and stock exchanges, and Wall streets of the earth. That is the despotic influence which now clouds the fortunes of republicanism in Europe, and threatens with destruction the blossoming hopes of the friends of freedom in the ancient world.

We are not without some practical experience in this country, of the workings of the same financial influence and agencies which are now blasting and blighting the fortunes of republicanism in Europe. Who is there, at all acquainted with the machinery of government, who has not often, again and again, witnessed the powerful influence exercised upon legislation by the interested friends of financial institutions and financial "operators?" How often have we seen a State Legislature elected on the democratic principles, suddenly turn round and immortalize itself by conferring a charter upon some swindling financial concern—a concern conceived, born, and brought forth in iniquity? Again and again, time after time, under the democratic sway of our own democratic institutions, we have witnessed the success of these premeditated assaults upon the pecuniary interests of the people, under the solemn and imposing guise of legislative authority.

Here is the great rock which threatens the safety of republicanism in Europe. On the occasion of our last visit to the European world, we readily discerned the nature and character of those influences which democracy had most to dread. It required indeed, no great sagacity to discover that, in the false, corrupt, and oppressive financial systems which prevailed throughout Europe, the rights of the people were destined to encounter the most serious and determined opposition. Vain, vain must be all the efforts of the European people to attain the full fruition of their long cherished hopes—hopes cherished throughout many a dark and clouded day—so long as this financial despotism maintains its ascendency. In France, large and influential classes are in fact the proprietors of the public taxes; in England, powerful interests depend for their existence on the maintenance of the present corrupt financial system; throughout the [illegible]

[illegible] le one, it [illegible] et, while it w[illegible] years and experien[illegible] been very slow in his o[illegible] character, particularly the Irish [illegible] one who knows anything of Iri[illegible] while they are, perhaps, the mo[illegible] creation, are light-hearted a[illegible] sometimes in their demeanor [illegible] on what would be called downright levity, in this staid country; but which, to those who know Ireland and its people, is but the ebullition of good nature and innocence. An Irish girl will even allow a man she esteems to romp with her in frolic and mirth; but "thus far shall he go, and no further." The moment she is made sensible of a criminal intention, she will resent it with all her indignation, and the laughing girl becomes the embodiment of the spirit of the storm. Captain McCerren may have been deceived, as we have said, by some unguarded gayety of this kind, though there is no evidence, as yet, that he has. But if he has, what then?—why that he ought to be ashamed of himself.

There is this damning aggravation in the case: these girls were entrusted to his care. He ought to have been, as a father to them. They, perhaps, believed he stood in that relation to the fatherless. He gained their confidence. They may (though as we have already said, we know not)—they may have permitted familiarities which they considered harmless, but which he interpreted otherwise, and this may have led to the serious consequences in which he is now involved. As the case is not yet fully developed, we will not now pronounce upon its merits. The Irish Emigration Society have taken it up, and will leave no stone unturned to get at the whole truth. In a few days, therefore, the public may calculate upon knowing more of the matter than they can do at present. In the meantime, we have no hesitation in saying that the conduct of this *soi-disant* guardian of female innocence, taken at best, is highly reprehensible, and all who attempt to defend him are indirectly partakers in his iniquity.

Post Office Blundering.—We have been always of opinion that the wholesale change of minor officers in the various departments of the State is a decided error. It does not prevail in England or other countries, and hence the laws and administrative government, though not so good as in this country, are better carried out. When there is a change of ministry in England, the new cabinet never dreams of changing the subordinate [illegible]

[illegible] which [illegible] the death [illegible] two or three [illegible] inty.

The Board of Health of Columbus, Ohio, on [illegible] 7th inst., reported three cases of cholera in the [illegible] —no deaths. The report from the penitentiary [illegible] the same time was five deaths.

The Richmond (Va.) *Whig*, of the 10th inst [illegible] says:—"We have heard with pain of the ex[illegible] ence of cholera at Shirley, in a most malign[illegible] form. Mr. Carter, up to Saturday evening, [illegible] lost 28 of his negroes—the greater portion of th[illegible] small—and others had been attacked. We p[illegible] sume there is no gentleman in the State who pa[illegible] more attention to the comfort and health of his s[illegible] vants than Mr. Carter, which makes the vi[illegible] lence of the epidemic at his plantation the m[illegible] remarkable. Since the appearance of the chol[illegible] there, he and his family have remained at ho[illegible] and devoted their whole time to the sick; and [illegible] has endeavored to obtain the best medical adv[illegible] this city affords. We learn that the alarm throu[illegible] the country round about Shirley is so great, th[illegible] it has been very difficult to procure assistance [illegible] bury the dead. The common, but erroneous [illegible] tion is, that the disease is contagious, and her[illegible] the alarm.

The Board of Health of Norfolk, (Va.) on the 1[illegible] instant, reported 18 deaths by cholera for the preced[illegible] week, of which 15 were colored people.

The Rochester, (N. Y.) *Democrat*, of the 12th ins[illegible] says:—We are indebted to a gentleman of this city [illegible] the following extract of a letter from Peru, Illinoi[illegible] dated July 25th:—"The pestilence is making gre[illegible] havoc in this town. The cholera has appeared here [illegible] its most frightful form. A number of our oldest a[illegible] most prominent citizens have fallen victims to th[illegible] fell destroyer. It first originated among some G[illegible] man families under the Bluff, who were living [illegible] uncleanliness and ill-ventilated rooms. One fami[illegible] of seven all died. The inhabitants are flying fr[illegible] the town in all directions to escape the pestilen[illegible] a number of whom have since died. There had be[illegible] as near as could be learned, 26 deaths from June 29 [illegible] to July 4th. At this moment, three or four new ca[illegible] have been reported, and one death—a German girl [illegible] the Bluff."

Two cases of cholera and one death have occurred [illegible] Woonsocket, R. I.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, of th[illegible] 9th inst., dated New Richmond, July 7, says:—W[illegible] have had a good deal of sickness here ever since the 1[illegible] of last month. The cholera made its appearance he[illegible] about the 10th, and has been raging here with terrib[illegible] violence ever since. One town, before the cholera ma[illegible] its appearance, contained about 1,800 inhabitants; no[illegible] there are scarcely 400. People, terror stricken, have fl[illegible] in all directions. Stores are closed, business has be[illegible] suspended, everything is neglected, all seems gloom[illegible] and desponding. In proportion to the number of i[illegible] habitants, the mortality has been greater here than [illegible] your city. For the 48 hours commencing Saturday, [illegible] o'clock, there were 19 deaths; for the 24 hours endin[illegible] Thursday at noon, there 10 deaths. The phy[illegible]

while the ... rth by the ... of ... gaged there! ... possesses a hall of ch grand dimen... and so thoroughly ventilated; r can London or ... ris offer, for so trifling a sum as enty-five cents, such attractions as are nightly presented there. It is absolutely a duty we owe to ourselves and families, in these times, when dread of dis... e depresses the spirits, to pass our evenings where e mind may be occupied and amused by an intellectual and delightful entertainment, while the physical wers gain renewed strength from the pure and acing air. We rejoice to see so numerous an attendance here on every fair evening, and advise our friends the upper part of the city, and those in Brooklyn, lso, to attend the summer fetes, as often as they can. erry boats and stages will bring them directly to the ot, and those who visit Castle Garden will thank us r the enjoyment of a rich musical treat.

Christy's Minstrels will to-night give an A 1 concert, t fit for a Saturday evening's entertainment; all their st songs, dances, queer sayings, laughable conun... ums, &c., will be introduced, so that we may say eir entertainment will be a most unique one. We mmend it highly to our citizens.

Chinese Assembly Room.—The Italian concert at e above room was well attended. Signorina Patti and gnora Valentini are great favorites. Another concert ll be given this evening.

The Germania Band left this city on Monday, in the y State, for Newport, where they are engaged for the ason.

Late from Rio De Janeiro—Arrival of the . S. Brig Perry.—The U.S. brig Perry, in thir... -nine and a half days from Rio de Janeiro, arrived Hampton Roads, on Tuesday, the 10th instant, aving left Rio on the 1st of June. Our minister, Ir. Todd, has accomplished the recognition of the laims of our citizens on the government of Brazil, hich have been for many years pending. Monte... ideo is still besieged by the army of President ribe, and sustained in its revolt against the legal overnment by the naval force of France. Buenos yres, and all the ports of the Argentine confede... tion, are at present exempt from European inter... rence, and open to commerce. The American eamer Santa Cruz sailed from Rio sometime in y last, for San Francisco, and sunk at sea, a w days afterwards. Captain Smith and his crew eached the coast in safety.—*Phil. Ledger, July* 13.

Riot in Machiasport, (Mass.)—Our corres... ondent at Machiasport, writing under date of the h inst., says:—"The peace of our hitherto quiet illage has been disturbed, by a riot between some itizens of this town and of Whitneyville. The ifficulty originated in a misunderstanding about a annon, on the 4th. Yesterday several came down om W. to settle it, when a fight ensued, and some ix or eight received a pretty severe beating, and ne it was thought had some of his ribs broken. legal investigation will be had, when I shall be ble to give a more particular account of the ... and disgraceful tragedy."—*Boston Atlas.*

... t he was ... d anything ... l heard him ... derstand exactly w... 31 Pearl street, sworn ... the Carlton House on the ... ded to; I was there with Alderman ... Barr and others; we went into the ... met Mr. Reynolds there; Reynolds ... e had a drink together; we had finished ... ynders, Burns, and others came in; ... standing near the counter; Mr. Reynolds directed a conversation towards Rynders, concerning Mr. Forrest, and to the best of my knowledge I think Reynolds first gave the lie to Rynders; some hot words followed between the parties, when, finally, Reynolds told Rynders he could whip him, and Rynders went and set his cane against the wall. I think, in the mean time, a man, who, I believe, was Murray, in some way got in between them, and a scuffle ensued between Reynolds and Murray; a rush of persons came from the front of the screen to where they were behind it; the combatants went to work until Reynolds got knocked down in the far end of the room; I saw Reynolds was much hurt about the face; some one said, "Don't kick him;" I saw no one strike Reynolds but the man they call Murray; I can't distinctly recollect any one else touching him; I saw no one else have hold of or touch Reynolds but Murray; I saw Mr. Burns and others interfere, but it appeared as if to make a ring for the combatants to fight it out; they crowded in, and acted as if they wanted to make a ring or room for them to fight; the only person I could recognise was Mr. Burns; I did not know the rest; I did not see Burns or Rynders strike any one any more than ...; they were crushed like in the crowd; I did not see either Rynders or Burns put their hands upon Reynolds, though they might have done it without my knowledge; I saw Murray strike Reynolds, and beat him; I did not see any one strike Murray but Reynolds; I did not hear Rynders say that he would knock anybody's brains out if they interfered; he might have said so repeatedly; I think I would have heard him if he had said so; at the time Reynolds came in, I was in conversation with Barr, and Rynders was standing some distance from me; I did not hear Rynders ask Reynolds to take a drink with him; I can't recollect who spoke first to the other; I first heard Rynders say (I think) that Forrest was no scoundrel, and that was what first attracted my attention; was a friend of Mr. Reynolds, and was sorry to see him so abused, and would have interfered if I thought I could do so with safety to myself; I did not see Burns strike any one, nor did he take any part more than others present; I do not remember to have seen Mr. Lelar there; I do not recognise him at all.

George L. Smith cross-examined by Mr. Holmes—I was standing at Mr. Reynolds' back at the time Lelar was there; I attempted to release Reynolds' hair from Murray's hand; Lelar was in close contact with the combatants; Lelar was then keeping the crowd back from getting hold of them to part them; the friends of Murray were so numerous that the friends of Reynolds could not get to him; our boarders (of the Carlton House) were there, and Lelar would not let them get to him; Reynolds was surrounded by the friends of Murray; Lelar was in close contact with Reynolds, and I heard Lelar sing out, "Keep away and let them alone;" I can't say that Lelar struck Reynolds, but he had hold of him; I saw he had hold of him; I took hold of Murray's hand and released it of Reynolds' hair; after that I could not get to Reynolds; I was about a minute, I suppose, in doing it; Murray was attempting to hit Reynolds; it was during this time that Lelar made use of this language; at the time of the fight I saw Lelar have hold of Reynolds; it was at this time that I was trying to loose Reynolds hair from Murray.

Incident of the "Confidence Man."—The arrest of this notorious individual, Samuel Williams, or more exten-

edly su... no other pers... book and money was ... ed the water. Upon this suspicion, the magistrate committed the accused to prison for trial.

Charge of Murder.—A man, by the name of Michael Maher, was arrested, yesterday, on a warrant from the authorities of Ulster county, on a charge of murder; but the circumstances in the case we were unable to learn. He was sent back to the above county, to answer the charge.

Appointments by the President.

COLLECTORS OF THE CUSTOMS.

John L. Rogers, Gloucester, Massachuseets, vice Eli F. Stacy, removed.

Gideon S. Sackett, Cape Vincent, New York, vice Peleg Burchard, removed.

SURVEYORS OF THE CUSTOMS.

Lanson Nash, Gloucester, Massachusetts, vice John Woodbury, removed.

John A. Chew, Havre de Grace, Maryland, vice Robert Gale, removed.

MARSHALS.

William M. Brown, of Georgia, to be Marshal of the United States for the District of Georgia, vice Henry Williams, who declines the office.

Walter C. Maloney, of Florida, to be Marshal of the United States for the Southern District of Florida, vice Joseph B. Browne, removed.

ATTORNEYS.

Hiram W. Husted, of North Carolina, to be Attorney of the United States for the district of North Carolina, vice William H. Haigh, who declines the office.

George W. Call, Jr., of Florida, to be Attorney of the United States for the Northern district of Florida, vice Chandler C. Younge, removed,

LAND OFFICERS.

John Dinkgrave, of Louisiana, to be Receiver of Public moneys at Monroe, Louisiana, vice John B. Filhiol, removed.

Daniel Clapp, of Illinois, to be Register of the Land Office at Danville, Illinois, vice William E. Russell, removed.

Lewis S. Lovell, of Michigan, to be Register of the Land Office at Ionia, Michigan, vice Benjamin Sherman, removed.

Thomas B. Thorp, of Louisiana, to be Register of the Land Office at New Orleans, Louisiana, vice Louis Ste. Martin, removed.

Political Intelligence.

Thomas J. McKean has been nominated by the whig State convention of Iowa, as a candidate for the presidency of the public works. William Patterson is the democratic candidate for the same office.

The hunkers of Vermont have nominated John S. Robinson for Governor, and Philip C. Tucker for Lieutenant Governor.

Henry Daniel declines being a candidate for Congress in the Ashland district of Kentucky. The contest rests between Messrs. Morehead and Trabue.

Joshua F. Bell has been appointed Secretary of the State of Kentucky, vice Orlando Brown, resigned.

Edmund Deberry is the whig candidate for Congress in the 3d district, and Dr. ...

June 1841.

Tuesday 8.
Thermometer
at sunrise 67
at 1 P.M. 91
at 6 " " 84
at 9 " " 74
A hot day for, near, especially in cities.

New River Channel. The cut across Hockanum peninsula was considerably widened last winter, and now receives all the water of the Connecticut. There is dry land across the old channel of the river just below the upper end of the new channel, and people crossed on foot from Middle Meadow to Hockanum Meadow last week, and have done the same this week.

8. Wind S—W. & N.W. A.M.
do. N.W. and W.N.W. P.M.
Clear—all day.
First hot day this year. Pleasant.
Dry and dusty.
Thermometer at Boston 93. Albany 93 " " at Hartford 91. Baltimore 95

Islands of ice floating on the Atlantic have been numerous this season and have occasioned many shipwrecks. Some have attributed the cold spring to these masses of ice.

The prices of produce have been as low since 1841 commenced as in preceding years, and what are called "hard times" continue. Stock is also low. Land is lower than it has been, but is now higher than the prices of produce will warrant. Agricultural labor is in good demand, & the pay of hired men is about as high as it has ever been. As there is but little building going on this season, some mechanics are not so fully employed as heretofore.

The Whigs got into power by promising good times & plenty of money, but as yet have effected nothing. What their extra session will bring forth, remains to be seen. The truth is that the present times are far better for the permanent prosperity of the country than the extravagant, speculating, bank-mania times of 1835, 1836, &c which some people consider very good, and wish to restore.

My family. Son J.W. wife & Albert reside with me (J.W. now absent). Also, Hall, Aphia & Pennimah. Sylvester is at Augusta, Maine, Parkman at Bennettville, South Carolina, and Hophni at Clairsville in Windsor. — J.W. and Hall are at present out of business. J.W. is troubled with the debts due from the late firm of C. J. and H. and cannot do business in his own name & has not the means — Hall is worth a little short of 700 dollars, which he has earned since he was of age.

Wednesday 9
Thermometer
at sunrise 66
at 1 P.M. 84
at 6 " " 82
at 9 " " 69

Corn. Some was hoed last week, and a great deal will be hoed this week, and more or less next week, for the first time.
Broomcorn — about the same as corn as to the time of first hoeing.
Some young Robins have left their nests.
Some bees (Mrs. Mather's) have swarmed.

9. Wind N.E — S.E. & S. A.M.
do. S—W.N.W. & N.W. P.M.
do. N.E in evening.
½ clear & ½ cloudy A.M.
More clear — P.M.
Day not unpleasant.

Early Grass — that has been out so long, is still blossoming — leaves green.
English do — a large portion is in blossom — considerable is not yet so.
Fall oat do — J. D. Whiting's, — now shows whole heads.
Red Clover — in early places is in full blossom; in general is not so.
Butter cups — in early places are nearly wishing in blossom — in other places, the flowers are in a reaching.
Seringa — is blossoming, but not 1/6 of the blossoms are open yet.
Yellow Lilly — not quite half the blossoms are out.
Buttermilk — flowers have mostly fallen — buttermilk are ½ an inch long.
Horse chestnut — flowers nearly fallen — small chestnut burrs are seen.
Currants are nearly full grown.
White Daisy (same as noticed last year June 5) shows flowers. (near S. Street Bridge).
Locust — the early ones begin to open blossoms yesterday.
Orchard Grass — shows whole heads.
Herds Grass — some forward H. Grass shows ½ inch of the tops of the heads.
Thimbleberries — are in blossom, but passed the full. (Mr. Shepards.
Apples, pears, Eng. & Horn cherries, & crab apples, & pillum, do not vary much in size. many ¼ inch diameter — very many 3/8 of an inch — a few apples ½ inch.
Vegetables are as on June 1. 1840, or 8 days later. (Not quite so much difference in the grasses. than last year)

June 1841.

Thursday 10
Thermometer
At sunrise 62
at 1 P.M. 86
at 9 " " 68.

My debts. At present, I do not owe five dollars, except the 400 dollars I borrowed of Assignees of O.K. for which I have John Clark's note. I am however bound for son C. Parkman $200 & some interest. A man in business may be in debt, but it will not do for me.
I owe Son Hall, and A.H. but have notes against others to same amount.

10. Wind N.N.E. next E. moderate till noon.
do. S.W.—W. & W.N.W.—P.M.

Foggy. Heavy dew. Clear at 7½. Thin cloud came on. Halo at noon. More clear than cloudy in afternoon.
Very dusty & dry.

Planted corn in garden below the bank. Poled beans at Towers yesterday. I have 60 hills of pole beans.
I rode P.M. with Wm Clark Jr. down to Middle Meadow and crossed in a wagon on dry ground to Hockanum meadow. A sandy beach extends across the river place, and the lowest part is about two feet higher than the waters of the river. This beach is about 40 or 50 rods wide on the Northampton side, and not over 5 or 6 rods wide on the Hockanum side; it extends across the old river bed in the form of a triangle, and is the narrowest and lowest near Hockanum meadow where the new channel goes through. N. Hadley farmers have a wire ferry across the present channel. This new channel seems to be 30 rods wide, or more, perhaps 40. A considerable beach is forming on the Hadley or eastern side, & the river is undermining the bank on the Island side. This bank is filled with bank swallows.

The corn in N.H. meadow on the Hockanum road, has been hoed once, with one or two exceptions; also the broom corn. Some pieces of corn will be large enough to hoe the second time the fore part of next week. Red Clover in some lands is most of it in blossom; in other pieces it has only begun to blossom. Rye in some places is mostly in blossom; in others it has but just begun to blossom. Wheat does not show heads—not much wheat to be seen.

Night sounds. Frogs & what are called tree-toads—a bird makes a muttering noise (perhaps woodpecker)—a few crickets. I have heard no whippoorwills this season.
Horned bugs, not fully grown, have been flying about a few evenings—
Lightning bugs—first noticed this evening.
Muskeetoes—a few have come into the house.
House flies—not noticed by me.
Apple tree worms—are crawling about on fences, &c. Mr. S. had spoiled their nests.

Friday 11
Thermometer
at sunrise 64
at 1 P.M. 86
at 9 " " 72

Growth of Elms. Some elms cut down in Pleasant Street a few weeks since were set out in 1814, being then about 3 or 4 years old, making their age about 30 years. The largest were full 2 feet in diam. near the ground, having increased over ¾ of an inch a year on an average. The stumps show about 30 concentric circles. There is much difference in the growth, the increase since years being double that of other years.

11. Wind S.W. & N.W.—A.M. and brisk.
do N.W. & strong P.M.

½ cloudy ½ clear—A.M.
More clear—P.M.

Air full of dust raised by the wind.

Letter from Sylvester.

June 1841

Saturday 12 Thermometer At sunrise 60 at 1 P.M. 72 at 9 " " 60	Sister Smith & 3 of her children, and the grandchild from Missouri here to tea, on their way to Westhampton. Cousin Samuel Edwards here. Planted late sweet corn in Tower's garden.	12 Wind N.N.E — A.M. do N.E — P.M. Mostly clear all day — Some thin clouds.

Grasses — Almost all grasses show their heads, except those growing on wet lands. There is the vernal or early grass; English grass & others with panicles like English; three sorts of tall grass; herds-grass; a kind with a cat-tail head like herds-grass, but smaller; red & white clover &c. The mowings are handsomely variegated; with grass, clover, buttercups, a white flower which has some resemblance to oxeyed daisy, &c. Most of herds grass shows no head, or only a part.

Red clover is full in many places; in many it is not.

Buttercups seem to be about full — many blossoms have fallen and many buds are not yet open.

Herds grass shows some whole heads; in general only parts of heads (or no heads).

Cat-tail grass with a spike resembling herds grass, is in flower.

Orchard grass — some of it (not much) is in flower.

Tall grass — 3 kinds

1 kind (J. D. Whitney's) is apparently Tall meadow oat-grass

2d kind (on Mr Wellington's) may be fowl meadow — I know not what its name is. Some is flowering.

3d kind — seems such as I called tall grass at Westhampton. I know not its name.

Syringa is nearly in full blossom — will be full tomorrow.

Honeysuckle — Mr Abel's about full: Mr Shepard's not full.

Yellow lillies — about 2/3 of the buds have blossomed.

The white flower, so common in mowings, resembling oxeyed daisy, is about full, & makes many white places.

Currents are full grown, but none are red yet — all green.

Vegetation is now as forward as it was June 13 or 14 1838, and June 11 or 12, 1839; — but 4, 5 or 6 days later than 1840.

There is truth in Mr Lowell's remark (1838) that all seasons, early & late, are nearly on a level on the 10th of June. This referred to Roxbury. Here the time would be a little later, perhaps June 12 or 13 or 14.

Sunday 13 Thermometer At sunrise 57 at 1 P.M. 79 at 9 " " 61.	Mr. Richards of South Deerfield preached all day. I have not had a Sunday class since I returned from Boston. I am absent so much, that I think it not best to attempt to instruct a class. I have been a teacher in the Sunday School for 16 or 17 years.	13. Wind S.E: next S.S.W. till noon and till towards night then S.W. Cloudy all day till near night. Partly clear at sunset.
Monday 14 Thermometer at sunrise 54. at 1 P.M. 81. at 9 " " 64.	Paid my Town taxes to day. viz. Town Tax 22.38. 5 pct off 1.12, = 21.26 my 2d School house tax — 3.81 25.07 Parish Tax paid June 4 was 12.33 Sister Smith & her children returned from Westhampton to-day — remained here over night. Son J.W. returned from N.Y. towards night.	14. Wind S.S.E till noon — do S.E. & S.S.E — P.M. Some fog & smoke. Large dew. mostly clear at 7 — some thin clouds — Halo at 1 P.M. Clouds grew thicker but little Sunshine P.M. began to Rain at 7½.

June 1841.

Monday 14 continued. P. S. Marsh has assigned & his creditors met to day. He & S. L. Rhodes bought a pew of me Jan. 24. 1839, and gave their notes for 40 dollars; (see that date). There had been paid on the notes — 2.25 in wood Feb. 6. 1839 — 3.33 in wood April 4. 1840 $3.08 in wood Sept. 1. 1840; 2.25 in wood in March 1841; 1.75 in Wood May 24. 2.28 in wood May 26. 1841; Cash of Rhodes 5.00. May 26. Cash of Rhodes 5.32 June 14

Marsh brought of the wood	13.77	Rhodes paid Marsh in cash $10.60 in January 1840, to pay to me; but he brought me wood instead thereof. So Marsh had in fact paid nothing, except his share of interest, due to me & R.
Rhodes paid on — — —	1.14	
Rhodes paid of the money	10.32	
	25.18	

To day I took back the writing I gave Jan. 24. 1839. & gave up the notes. I took a note of Rhodes for 20 dollars, payable in a year with interest & gave him a writing that the pew should be his if so paid. The Interest on the pew had been 5.18; so 45.18 — 25.18 = $20 due.

Tuesday 15 Thermometer At Sunrise 62 at 1 P.M. 80 at 9 " " 58

Rode to hither part of Hatfield with William Clark Jr.
Corn on Hatfield uplands is from 6 to 12 inches in height. Some hoed the 2 time, and some "being hoed" the 2 time. Some just hoed 1st time.
Broom corn hoed once.

Rained some in the night. Cloudy this morning. Mostly clear after 9½ till night. Pleasant.
Wind S.S.W. — S.W. — W. — A.M.
do W.N.W. & N.W. P.M.

Briers & running vines (both bean & blackberries) are in blossom.
Thorny Locust — just begins to have open flowers — color green.
Yellow Lillies — nearly all buds have opened — flowers are on the wane.
Herds Grass — as last year June 15 — considerably out, but very many heads not visible.
Grasses — in rich places is lodged, or fallen. Laurel, is blossoming.
Currants — are still green. — Syringas continue in full bloom.
Corn in meadows; a few are hoeing 2 time — some first time.
Redtop — begins to show the ends of the panicles.
Pole beans & a few of mine begin to clasp the pole — none have yet encircled the pole.

Wednesday 16 Thermom. at Sunrise 50 at 1 P.M. 78 at 9 " " 56

Wrote letter to Levi Dickinson Jr. Hadley, Joel Pomeroy, S.H. Rufus Sheldon S.H. Gains Scott S.H. Asahel Gouch, W.H.
Mowing — Several homelots mowed to day. I noticed 4 or 5.
Grass is nearly as forward as last year, but not quite — forwarder than in 1839.

16 Heavy dew. Clear all day, very pleasant
Wind N.N.E. soon N.N.W till noon.
do N.N.W. & N.W. — P.M.

Thursday 17 Thermom. at Sunrise 46 at 1 P.M. 83 at 9 " " 64

Mr Lane here from Brattleboro'; he talks some of going into business with son Jr Walker.
Bennett's N.Y. Herald. The mixture of truth & scandal, the village tattle, which has appeared in this paper in regard to Northampton, excites much talk.

17 Heavy dew. Clear at first. Thin clouds came on — Sun hidden & all cloudy after 3.
Wind mostly N. some S.E. — A.M.
do S.E. — & mostly S. — P.M.

Friday 18 Thermometer at Sunrise 61 at 1 P.M. 68 at 9 " " 57

Wrote to E. G. Bacon, Esq. Litchfield. (dated 17) in reply to his of June 14. He wishes to have me undertake to arrange, and index the old papers and records of Connecticut in the State House.
Shad have been sold here for 5 or 6 weeks past but are nearly done. I have bought but one. The price of good sized ones has been from 30 to 42 cents. Smaller ones 25 cents, &c.
New Vestry dedicated this evening. This to me is a sort of mummery.

18 Cloudy all day. Some Rain P.M.
Wind S.E. next N.E. till noon.
do N.N.E. & S.S.E. — P.M.

June 1841.

Saturday 19 — Thermom. At sunrise 56, at 1 P.M. 62, at 9 " " 60

Rode into the meadow, to B. Wigwam, with J. Walker — went down through Pheasant St. and came up by Th. Strong's farm and Bridge St.

Corn — on the middle gate road (low land) had all been hoed once & but once and the same in Young Rainbow. From Y. Rainbow to Hemenway's it had nearly all been hoed twice — the latter was 10 or 12 inches high; the former about half as high.

19. Cloudy; drizzling most of the forenoon. Cloudy P.M. without drizzle. Wind E.S.E. N.N.E. and then N. till noon, and till night.

Broom-corn — There is a great extent of meadow planted with broomcorn. I think there never was more. It looks well though small — 3 to 6 inches high. Hoed once, and a little twice.

Grass. The greater part of heads grass heads are out or partly out, but many are yet concealed. Red clover is not yet full in the meadow.

Rye — is about as high as it will be. The kernels are formed but not filled.

Wheat — the heads are out. But little sowed in the meadow. A good deal of rye.

Sunday 20 — Thermom. At sunrise 57, at 1 P.M. 80, at 9 " " 60

The old meeting house still has a large congregation, but has diminished much since other societies were formed, especially since Edwards' church was set off. There are usually 5 meetings in the village on the Sabbath — 2 Orthodox, 1 Unita., 1 Bap. and 1 Epis. The old house looks rather thin compared with 1822, 3, &c or with 1832, 3. —

20. Cloudy. Partly clear after 9, till night — about 1/2 clear 1/2 cloudy. Wind N.N.E. next E.N.E. next southerly — In afternoon mostly N.N.E., but some N. and N.E.

Dress. Males. I noticed in the meeting house only 1 white cravat besides my own — Mr Starkweather wore that. Almost every one had black hats or stocks; there were a very few fancy ones. Nearly all have black, blue or dark colored coats, and about 1/2 wear black or very dark vests of silk, cloth, bombazine, velvet, &c. Most except elderly men have open bosoms, or rather open vests and white bosoms. Very many are dressed in as dark clothes as clergymen. Hats — most are of silk or fur, but some of colored palm leaf; some boys wear caps.

Dress. Females. So far as I could judge, 1/2 the females in the congregation wear Leghorn (Tuscan) or Straw bonnets. The other half have bonnets of silk, muslin, lawn, &c; white, slate, pink, brown, &c. The fashion or form of all sorts is nearly the same, and almost all have a ribbon only for external ornament. The younger portion have artificial flowers within, on each cheek — Besides these, there are some black bonnets worn by aged women and mourners — Almost all females divide the hair in the middle of the forehead, & bring it down on each side of the head, leaving some more, some less of the forehead bare, but showing its whole height. The part left bare is in many triangular with the angle at the top of the forehead in the middle thereof; this angle in many is like the top of a gothic arch; in others it is the end of an ellipsis, and not an angle.

Gowns. I judged that 3/4 of the females had dresses of silk, muslin de laine, chally, & other materials more costly than calicoes; and that about 1/4 had calico gowns. There were no white gowns. I do not include small children, but those above 10 years old. Almost all the dresses had capes of the same material. Some wore shawls or silk handkerchiefs, and almost all of all ages had collars of muslin, or other thin white material; these collars were of various shapes & sizes, with more or less embroidery — a few plain ones.

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Monday 21. Thermom. At Sunrise 49 at 1 P.M. 72 at 9 " " 59

Rode out to Haydenville with J.W. to get 14 dollars in goods, which Mr. Kneeland owed me for correcting Latin & English proof last year. Bought various articles — including 26½ pounds sugar. I have received since I came from Boston in March, 128½ pounds of sugar.

21. Clear, and Pleasant all day. Wind N.N.E — S.W — S.E and other points — A.M. do, mostly S.S.E — P.M.

Corn — on the road to H. in this town, is most of it 12, 15, & some 18 inches high. Some, however, only 6 or 8 inches high.

Chestnut Trees are full of the spikes or peduncles which bear the buds and blossoms. No blossoms yet.

Laurels — nearly in full blossom.

At home.
Currants, Eng. cherries } Those that are sound just begin to show a little change of color to reddish. Those defective have been reddish for days. Cherries more forward than currants.
Red clover, White clover } are apparently not more than full on average on uplands — later in meadows.

Strawberries — some were ripe last week, in both fields & gardens. The question part not ripe yet.

Whitewood or Tulip tree — in Mr Bowers' hedge, — is full of the tulip-looking blossoms, but they are on the wane.

Peas — Green peas have been sold here for a week past — $2 per bushel of pods.

Buttercups — there are many blossoms, but on the whole, they are on the wane.

Locust — There are two kinds of Locust (Robinia) here, viz. the common Locust (Robinia pseudo acacia); and a kind that I have not noticed till this ~~season~~, viz the clammy Locust or Honey Locust (Robinia viscosa); the branches are viscid or clammy. They are full of flowers, white & reddish, but have passed the full & the flowers are falling. They were in full blossom 4 or 5 days ago, a little later than the common.

Thorny Locust, as I have called it for years past, is not a species of Robinia, or Locust, but is, I suppose, a species of acacia, called sometimes Three thorned acacia. The flower is entirely different from the flowers of the 2 kinds of Locust. It is terribly armed with thorns. [P.S. It is a Gleditschia, as I found out years after.]

Tuesday 22 Thermom. At Sunrise 52 at 1 P.M. 69 at 9 " " 66

Son J.W. started for Brattleboro this morning and will proceed thence to Troy, N.Y. with Mr. Lane.

The Canal happens to be in order this season, & boats arrive & depart frequently.

A. Chapman paid his note due May 16th, 350 dollars & Interest $2., yesterday

Mrs. Chapin, widow of late Rev. H. B. Chapin called here to day.

Finished a letter to bro. Matthews, Virginia.

22 Cloudy all day. Warm. Wind S. & S.S.E — A.M. do mostly S.S.E — P.M.

Wednesday 23 Thermom At Sunrise 65 at 1 P.M. 80 at 9 " " 74

My garden vegetables —

Pole beans have climbed the poles 18 or 20 inches from the ground.

Bush beans show white buds.

Beets are from 6 to 9 inches high.

Summer Squashes have leaves 15 inches long — & have put forth tendrils, to run.

Cucumbers have put forth tendrils to run.

Corn, Potatoes } height about equal, 15 or 16 inches.

23 Cloudy & a little rain. Very clear after 10 Clear — P.M. Wind S.S.E & S.E. — A.M. do same — P.M.

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Thursday 24 Thermom. At sunrise 70 at 1 P.M. 86 at 9 " " 69	The night was very warm & the forenoon grew hot — at 12½ the Thermom. was up to 90. Clouds rose in South, and there was a fine shower at 1½. The vane continued E.S.E. though the shower did not come from that direction. Therm. fell to 76. 2d Shower — a light one with some thunder at 2¼ — came from S. and vane turned to S. 3 Shower or rain began at 4½ and continued most of the time till sunset. In Evening, Mr Butler, a reformed Drunkard, gave an address in the Edwards church.	24. Warmest night and morning we have had. Fog & clouds. Partly clear after 8. till after 1. Cloudy after 1 till night and Rain — Wind S.E. from E.S.E till noon and till 2 P.M. Next S. next S.E. after 4½ E.S.E till night	
Friday 25 Thermom. At sunrise 63 at 1 P.M. 73 at 9 " " 66	Merchants & others complain of dull times. The business of the country is as little perhaps as in years past — some say less. It is as much however, as is for the public good. Men of undoubted credit or property, can get money enough. In the cities there is as much money as there is profitable business. Men of wealth find it difficult to invest their money, where it will yield 6 or 7 per cent.	25. Cloudy all day. Some rain towards night. Wind E.N.E. till noon clo E.N.E & E. — P.M.	
Saturday 26 Thermom. At sunrise 66 At 1 P.M. 84 at 9 P.M. 74	Vegetation has advanced rapidly since the late rain began, especially to day.	26 Cloudy till noon Showers in the morning. Mostly clear P.M. Wind E. and S.E. & S. till noon " S. all of afternoon	

Herds grass — a very few heads are flowering.
Redtop — shows whole heads in abundance — yet most of the heads are invisible in shade or in plant.
Cherries, English — many are red and a few are ripe — but much the greater part are not ripe.
Currants — but few are red or reddish — most are yet entirely green.
Red clover — generally passed the full — Most of the clover in the home lots and meadows is said to be the early, or Pennsylvania clover. It does not appear to me much forward than the old sort used to be.
Grass — heavy grass much lodged by the rain. Very little mowing done this week, though some on Monday. No hayday since Monday.

Sunday 27 Thermom. at sunrise 70 at 1 P.M. 85 at 9 " " 72	House-flies — now & then a straggling fly has been seen for a week or two past; but this morning a considerable number appeared. The famous Mr Kirk preached all day. Visited Rev. Josiah Clark and wife at Mrs. Dewey's in evening.	27 Cloudy most of the day. A little sunshine P.M. Wind S. all day.	
Monday 28 Thermom. at Sunrise 69 at 1 P.M. 85 at 9 " " — 68	Hall started this morning for Bloomfield in a canal boat. Canada Thistles — a few near the Baptist meeting house are in blossom. All that I saw elsewhere are not yet in blossom. This offensive plant is fast increasing in highways, meadows, and uplands.	28 Fair & pleasant with many flying clouds Wind S; after 7 changed to W. and nearly W. all day. A fine zephyr day.	

Tall orange lilly, and blue bells in blossom.
Elder, Yarrow, Johnswort, are blossoming. Milk weed just beginning to blossom.

Visited several places with Rev. Josiah Clark to-day.
Rev. Mr. Kirk preached in Old church in the evening. House quite full.

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Tuesday 29
Therm.
at sunrise 63
at 1 P.M. 87
at 9 76

Reformed drunkards. A little band has been collected here, since Mr. Butler addressed them, & talked with them, and about 30 have signed the teetotal pledge. This is a wonderful change; heaven grant it may be permanent. The reformed drunkards are doing great things in the cities and other places.

29. Clear & pleasant. Fine day.

Wind S.W. soon W.N.W till noon. & till towards night; then S.W again. Fine orange sunset.

Wednesday 30.
Therm.
at sunrise 70
at 11½ 90
at 1 — 93
at 3½ — 90
at 4½ — 90
at 9 — 76

Paid the remainder that brother Matthews owed Daniel Kingsley — paid Kingsley in all — $35.18 and took receipt.

brother Johnson owed bro. M. — 12.50 and I paid this to Kingsley.

I paid the rest from my own money — 22.68

35.18

So brother Matthews owes me the 22.68 and it is noted on the back of the certificate I gave him, now in hands of bro. Parsons.

Visited upper meadow this forenoon.

30 Clear all A.M. Some large clouds P.M but mostly clear. A thunder shower from N.W. at 5 P.M.

Wind S. & S.W. after 8 change to W.N.W. till noon and till night.

A genuine hot day

Th. at Hartford Courant Office 93° at 1 P.M.

Much hail, heavy wind &c in Essex County & elsewhere

The Season June 30 and July 1. The Upper meadow,

Mowing — Some are gathering the early clover, and the grass on other lands. Mowing began on the 28th. Very few pieces are cut however. — I noticed 5 or 6 pieces, almost all the southern clover.

Hoeing. Most of the corn & broom corn has been hoed twice, but some are now hoeing the second time. A few have commenced the third hoeing, or hilling, the present week.

Corn — is from 15 inches to 30 inches high, and in some places 3 feet, as it stands. A few pieces on low wet land are not over 12 inches. The average is nearly 2 feet — about the same as last year.

Broomcorn — many pieces from 7 to 10 inches in height; and many from 9 to 15 inches. A few pieces may be over 16 inches. Quite as forward as last year.

Rye — the heads are little whitish; & most begin to hang down; some are still erect. Some kernels are in the milk, but most are a little harder than milk. About as last year.

Oats — are from 12 to 24 inches high; no heads are in sight. They are later than last year — were sowed late. The oat fields are yellow with the flowers of the wild turnip, so called.

Canada thistles — none in flower yet.

Morning Glories — are full of flowers among the rye & grass.

Red clover — heads of the southern clover are decaying. Some pieces of northern clover sowed last year are but partially in flower; not half the heads are yet red. This kind of clover is generally lodged. But little of this comparatively.

White clover — decaying.

Herds grass; much of it in flower; much of it not yet in flower.

Redtop. The heads are generally out in whole or in part.

White daisy (oxeye) seems in full blossom — it is scattered about the meadow; not much in any one field; most fields have none.

White flower, so common in upland mowings, is very plenty in the meadow; some fields are white with it.

Grass seems to be as forward as last year.

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The Season — continued — June 30 & July 1. Uplands.

Mowing — many are gathering hay in their home lots. Most of the homelots will be cut before the week is out.
Corn — is a little forwarder on uplands than most of that in meadow: but difference not great.
Potatoes — some show buds; a few flowers visible it is said; most show neither
English Cherries — some are ripe & gone — some are not quite ripe (Mr. Shepards.
Currants — not more than half are reddish, and not half of these are red and ripe — several days later than last year
Thimbleberries — all green — several days later than last year.
Walnuts — shagbark — are about 3/8 of an inch in diameter.
Butternuts — are about third grown
Horsechestnuts — are about ½ inch in diameter.
Chestnut trees — on round hill are a little whitish with buds.
Evening noises — same as before — frogs, crickets, birds.
Insects — lightning bugs plenty. But few house flies have appeared & these are not troublesome. Very few musketoes have come into the house. No grasshoppers. No butterflies. Ants as usual.
Buttercups — have mostly disappeared — some remain.
White Lillies did not open blossoms till July 1. — 4 days later than last year (Mr Shepards)
Sweet corn in a few gardens shows tassels, July 1.

All crops look well. Grass is heavy.

It is now apparent that a late spring and a forward spring may come together before July 1. The spring of 1840 was very early; yet on the first of July, many vegetables were but a very little, if any, more advanced than in 1841. Others were a few days forwarder.

June has been a very growing month — and not unpleasant, — a good deal of South easterly wind. Only two days that I call hot, viz. the 8th and 30th.

Mean Temperature of June at Northampton

At sunrise	$58\frac{18}{30}$	Average
At 1 P.M.	$79\frac{23}{30}$	$67\frac{5}{6}$ degrees.
At 9 " "	$65\frac{3}{30}$	

May & June at Cambridge 1841 —

May at sunrise	46.2	June at sunrise	59.9
at 3 PM.	60.6	at 3 PM	76.6
at 9 " "	50.2	at 9 " "	63.1

July 1841.

Thursday 1.
Therm.
At sunrise 67
at 1 P.M. 80
at 9 " " 65

Lightning was frequent during the last evening — and at 11 and after there was a thunder gust and thunder storm. For half an hour the thunder & lightning were incessant — there was not a moment's intermission. The lightning did not seem to strike any objects on the earth. Wind N.W.

Paid Jonas Brewer a small balance I owed him for wood & turkey had of him, in my absence last fall and winter.

1. Cloudy mostly till noon. Clear mostly P.M.

Wind S.S.E. next W.N.W till noon & till night.

Lightning last night struck several times in neighboring towns.

Friday 2
Therm.
At sunrise 57
At 1 P.M. 80
at 9 " " 56

Wrote a letter to Mr J. B. Felt. Boston, in reply to his — began it yesterday.

Visited Isaac Clark twice — he sick.

2 Mostly clear A.M. varie. P.M.

Wind W.S.W. next W.N.W till noon & till night.

Saturday 3
Therm.
at sunrise 47
at 1 P.M. 76
at 9 " " 54

The children in the public schools and some others in the village, celebrated Independence, with Temperance ladies, Temperance flags, &c. They assembled in the old Church, where Prof. Hitchcock addressed them, and then went in procession to Round Hill and partook of cake, oranges & other things provided for the occasion. They were called the "cold water army" & there was an an army of them.

3. Mostly Clear all day Fine day.

wind N.W. & N. — A.M.
do. N.W. — P.M.

My Son J. Walker, returned from Newyork, by way of Troy and Brattleboro' — has concluded to go into the retail grocery business in the city of Newyork, with Mr Cune or Macune of Brattleboro'.

Sunday 4
Therm.
At sunrise 46
at 1 P.M. 78
at 9 " " 61

Mr Wiley preached A.M.
An old gentleman preached on the prophecies, P.M. and went against Miller. The letter predicts the end of the present state of things in 1843. — — letter from C. Parkman.

4 Mostly clear all day Pleasant.

Wind N.E. next North till noon.
do. N.W. & W.N.W — P.M.

Monday 5
Therm.
At sunrise 55
at 1 P.M. 78
at 9 " " 64

Wrote to Erastus Smith Esq. Hartford. Paid postage on papers to Oct. 1. 1841.

Independence kept by many today. Not so much noise as usual last night and this morning. A Tea Party on Round Hill — disturbed by the rain. Some rain before 5 and a Thunder Shower from S.W. after 6. Some rain in evening & distant thunder — A thunder shower about 10

5 More than half cloudy in forenoon. Mostly cloudy P.M. and some Rain.

Wind S.E. & S. — A.M.
do. S.S.W. — P.M.

Thunder Showers.

Currants are mostly red & ripe — some are yet green.
Thimbleberries — a few are almost ripe.
Crab Apples — are beginning to turn red.
Canada Thistles, opposite Mr Bulls, show a few blossoms.
Chesnuts on Round Hill are some white with blossoms — not yet full.

July 1841.

Tuesday 6 Thermom. At sunrise 60 At 1 P.M. 82 At 9 " " 72	Settled with brother Parsons. He owed me $12.05 for parsonage rent; and I have had of him butter, ham, beans & potatoes to amount of 6.68 — so he owes me 5.37. Allowed him for butter 15 cents; ham 11 cents. Sent to Col. Elisha Edwards a note against Joel Pomeroy $11.67. Oct 14. 1835. & 4.34 indorsed Jany 7. 1839 — due Jany 1. 1841. 10.47 at simple interest. Wrote to Sylvester — 3 letters sent by Mr Stoddard and Capt. Gore. Wrote to cousin J. A. Judd about Elear-ar's matters.	6. Foggy & cloudy — mostly clear after 9, till night. Pleasant. Wind S.S.E & S. — A.M. do. S.S.W. — P.M. Much lightning at a distance in the evening. A shower about 11. in the night, with thunder.	
Wednesday 7. Thermom. At sunrise 63 at 1 P.M. 84 At 9 " " 69	Animal Magnetism — is making considerable noise in Boston — A girl under the care of Dr Packard of Shelburne has done many wonderful things within a year past. There is something in this much ridiculed power of Animal Magnetism — how much, I know not.	7. Mostly clear A.M. 1/2 cloudy — P.M. Wind S.W. and W.S.W. A.M. do. W. & W.N.W. P.M. A little rain in the night	
Thursday 8 Thermom. At sunrise 59 at 1 P.M. 80 at 9 " " 58	Independence not yet finished — The farmers & mechanics (mostly the latter) had a great Tea Party on Miss Osborne's lot, Pleasant Street, & thence went to Town Hall and had a dance. Wife, J. W. &c went down to see them dance.	8. Mostly clear all day — pleasant. Wind mostly W.N.W.	
Friday 9 Thermom. At sunrise 52 At 1 P.M. 79. at 9 " " 68	Finished a long antiquarian letter (begun yesterday) to Rev. Lucius R. Paige of Cambridgeport, in reply to his of May 11. He is preparing a history of Cambridge. Wrote a letter to Rev. Bela B. Edwards Andover, in reply to his of July 7.	9 Clear & pleasant all day. Wind S.W. — A.M. do W — S.W. & S. P.M. Evening cloudy	
Saturday 10 Thermom. At sunrise 66 at 1 P.M. 78 at 9 " " 58	The Season &c Green peas have been selling 2 or 3 days past at 1 dollar a bushel for pods. Cucumbers — a few persons have them large enough to eat — not many. String beans — may be found in most gardens.	10 Rainy till after 8. Mostly clear after 9. Fine day. Wind S.S.W. after 9 W.N.W. till night.	

Hilling corn — this was the week for hilling most corn; but considerable was hilled before, & not a little remains to be done. Some pieces of corn in the fields begin to show tops or tassels.

Haying — some days this week good, & some bad for drying hay. Many have made a beginning in the meadows, but not a great quantity has yet been gathered in the meadows.

Oats — are headed out.

Chesnuts — are in full flower, or a little past.

Raspberries & Thimberries in the fields are ripe in part. Some sold at 9 per quart.

Flies — but few in the house. Horses are not much troubled, though some small flies pester them.

Butterflies — I have seen but one or two.

Shad — continue to be caught & sold here — they look thick & fat.

Silk Worms. Several families in South Street are feeding worms, and Whitmarsh's long building is full of worms.

Bought to day 1/2 bbl of Ohio Graham flour for $3.00. and a barrel of Superfine Venice Mills (Ohio) flour for 6.75. Common Superfine is held at 6.25 here. Paid cash.

I weighed 158 pounds.

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Sunday 11 Therm. At sunrise 54 at 1 P.M. 74 at 9 " " 60	Mr. Wiley preached all day. In the evening Mr. H. Chapin & Sarah Wing arrived from West Springfield — — port Hartford on Friday. Mr. Chapin and J. W. started for Plainfield between 3 and 4.	11 Clear all day. Pleasant — fine sky. Wind, N.W. & N.N.W. — A.M. do N.W. — P.M.
Monday 12 Therm. At sunrise 46 at 1 P.M. 82 at 9 " " 60	Mrs. and J.W. came home before 1. and Mrs. and Sarah soon after left us for West Springfield. J.W. sold his horse, buggy & harness on Saturday at 180 dolls.	12 Mostly clear all day. Pleasant. Wind mostly N.W. all day
Tuesday 13 Therm. At sunrise 53 at 1 P.M. 82 at 9 " " 64	Paid milk bill to Mrs. Shepard from May 9th to July 13th inclusive, 65½ quents at 4 cents (56 days) — $2.62. New account begins tomorrow. I pay washwoman this season 62½ cents a day. Sold a note against W. E. Mather, to Isaac Clark — due on it $7.61. I am to have that amount in goods.	13 Mostly clear all day Wind N.E. — S.W. &c. — A.M. do S. and S.W. — P.M.
Wednesday 14 Therm. At sunrise 62 at 1 P.M. 82 at 9 " " 72	I intended to go to Hartford yesterday but was hindered then, am still, by a sore foot, which makes me lame Examination of Mr. Merrifield for being concerned in the publication of a little scandalous paper, called the "Wild Cat."	14 About ⅔ cloudy all day. Some rain towards night. Thunder in evening, southward. Wind S.S.E. & S.S.W. — A.M. do S. and S.S.E. — P.M.
Thursday 15 Therm. at sunrise 69 at 1 P.M. 86 in wind at " " 89 out of wind at 9 " 68	Merrifield bound over to next court — in bonds of 100 dollars. Much talk for a week or two past — about a boy supposed to have been murdered near Chickopee.	15 Some fog. soon Clear Wind S.S.E. after 8 W.N.W.
Friday 16 Therm. at sunrise 65 at 1 P.M. 82 at 9 " " 61	Foot still sore; I go lame. Towards night I & wife & J.W. and wife went to Isaac Clark's for a visit. Several other there. Pinimah sick to-day.	16 Cloudy. Clear after 8½ with flying clouds till night. Wind S.E. — N.E. — N. — a.m. do N. — N.N.E. — p.m.
Saturday 17 Therm. at sunrise 51 at 1 P.M. 78 at 9 " " 60	Hay — much has been gathered this week. The hay crop heavy here, but light on the hills west of us, owing to drought. Rye — some on the plains has been harvested this week — began several days ago — not quite so forward as it was last year.	17 Clear, all day. Fine. Hardly a cloud. Wind N.N.E. ..... A.M. do N.E. — S.E. — & S.W. — p.m.

Squashes — we first picked squashes 2 days ago.
Whortleberries — some of the blue early ones have been offered for sale, but no black ones.
Currants — still on the bushes & trees — and not much passed what would be called fully ripe — Most English cherries are gone.
Com. cherries
Chesnut trees — are still whitish with faded, decayed flowers.
Raspberries — the wild ones plenty — 8 cents a quart.

This has been a very fine week for all kinds of business.
Brown girls here to tea to-day.

July 1841.

Saturday 17 — continued.

Son J. W. fixing for New York. Adjusted some matters with him. Borrowed 200 dollars at Bank — payable in 75 days — date of note July 14. Brother Parsons surety. Note 400 dollars, but only 200 dolls discounted on it. Interest of 75 days from July 17, including grace days. 2.50 which was deducted.

Let J. W. have 300 dollars & took his note (but he has a note against me payable to A. H.) 300 me under 30 dollars for Rail Road dividend, due in N. Y. July 10.

I have now in John Clerkie hands, as follows:—

				I owe Hall for the notes
1 Note dated April 19. 1841	principal	due to me	235.00	
1 do " June 13. 1841.	do.	due to me	500.00	— 250
1 do " June 7. 1841	do	due to me	169.00	— .64
1 do " April 17. 1841	do.	payable to Hall	75	
for 235 dollars, of which sum 75 dollars is mine				
			979.00	
		deduct	314.00	what I owe Hall
		Remains	665.00	besides interest.

The $665 added to J. W.'s note make $965. I had $400 of this of O. Kingsbury's assignees, and 200 of the Bank — had 350 of A. Chapman, & 15 elsewhere — all 965. On hand $25, after paying as above.

Sunday 18 — Mr. Wiley A.M. Mr. Tinker from Sandwich Islands P.M. I did not attend meeting to day.

Therm. At sunrise 53, at 1 P.M. 82, at 9 " " 66

18 Clear all day. Pleasant. Sky grey. Wind N.E. N.W. S.E. — a.m. do S.W. & S. — p.m.

Monday 19 — Son J. W. started for Winsted, Con. this morning, & thence will go to N. York. His wife & son remain here. The Wheat harvest in Maryland and Virginia was from 1st to 14th of July — or in many places from 6 to 10th. In Pennsylvania about a week later. In New York — later still

Therm. At sunrise 55, at 1 P.M. 88, at 9 " " 71

19 Clear mostly all day. Wind S. & S.E. — a.m. do S.W. — W.N.W. and S.W. again — p.m.

Corn in South meadow & some other places said to be backward. July has not been quite warm enough for corn on cold lands, and late planted.

Flies begin to be plenty & troublesome.

Dry & dusty here. Drought on the hills.

Wool selling, of very good quality, from 35 to 40 cents.

Cucumbers large enough for eating on my vines.

Tuesday 20 — Harvesting has begun in the rye fields in the meadows, & on uplands besides the plains; very many are harvesting. Wheat — there is not much here — some is nearly ready for the sickle. E. Graves will reap his tomorrow.

Therm. At sunrise 58, at 1 P.M. 84, at 9 " " 70

20 Clear all day. Very dusty. Wind N. & N.N.E. — a.m. do N. — N.N.W. — S.W. p.m.

Wednesday 21 — I started this morning for Hartford to arrange and index the old Colony Papers in the State House being employed by a committee appointed by the Legislature. Left here at 8¼ and reached Hartford at 5 by way of Westfield, Southwick, Tariffville, Bloomfield, &c.

July 1841.

Wednesday 21. Vegetation is in about the same state of forwardness all the way from Northampton to Hartford, so far as I could judge from the stage.

Haying. Home lots & other lots by the road more than half mowed. In some towns 2/3 perhaps. Grass good.

Harvesting. About half of rye cut in most towns. Crop middling.

Oats are every where green yet.

Corn — most pieces show panicles, & some pieces are 6 or 8 feet high and silked out. A number of pieces do not show panicles or tassels. Color every where green & good.

Broomcorn — but little on this road; looks well but not forward.

Buckwheat just out of the ground — lately sowed

Chestnut Trees — show whitish or brownish flowers all the way to Hartford and small burs are plenty.

White daisy — the blossoms (rather faded) of white daisies (or eye) are seen by road side all the way below Westfield.

I found at the Hartford market, new potatoes, green corn whortleberries, cucumbers, squashes, green grapes, beans for shelling, early pears, &c. within two or three days after my arrival at Hartford. Vegetation, at least, some articles, must be more forward in vicinity of Hartford than at Northampton, but the difference is not great.

Thursday 22 I began my labors among the old papers — I took possession of the senate chamber —

I continued this business (interruptions excepted) for 26 working days, which, with 4 Sundays, makes my stay in Hartford 30 days. I returned to Northampton August 21. I was hindered considerable by J. Walker's affairs, my own matters, &c. and did not labor for the committee more than 17 or 18 days, out of the 26 — Son J. Walker came twice to Hartford (rather privately for fear of arrest) and I carried him to Rocky Hill to take the steamboat, July 26; and Aug 4, I carried him to Newington to a rail road depot. He is preparing to open a store in New York with Mr Macune about the first of September; or rather Mr. Macune will open a store in which J. W. will be employed & have some interest. Hall still remains at Bloomfield. Elizabeth came to Hartford from N. H. August 17. Albert H. remains at N. H.

When I came home Aug. 21. I found the road stand in Massachusetts dry, & much dust flying. There has been a drought, which has done considerable injury to crops, viz. potatoes, corn, broomcorn, rowen, &c, but it was the dryest two or three weeks after I left Northampton; there was much rain August 10 & right before & after. The hill towns west and northwest have suffered more than the Connecticut valley, it is said.

I found broomcorn well headed out, and the panicles considerably high and spreading; buckwheat in blossom; corn sufficiently advanced but ears said to be smaller & fewer than usual; potatoe tops look green & vigorous but the potatoes themselves are small & not plenty — have been selling at 75 cents — ripe apples & pears not plenty — clover red heads thick in some rowen grass — no rowen mowed, & the prospect not favorable, it is said.

August. 1841.

Saturday 21. Apphia has attended to the Thermometer in my absence, but not quite at the usual hours, especially at sunrise. She has probably made the weather a little warmer by thermometer than it actually was, both morning and 1 o'clock. Her sunrise is half an hour after or more, or ~~about half~~ past 5 – sometimes 6 or 6½.

July 21 Wednesday. At Hartford.

Here		
At sunrise	60	Cloudy morn – most of day clear. Bull's Therm. at noon 82°
At 1 PM.	91	
" 9 " "	72	

July 22. Thursday

At sunrise	60	Clear – Wind S. Bull's Therm. 84 at 12
" 1 PM.	89	
" 9 " "	72	

Friday 23

At sunrise	72	Clear. Wind S. Bull's Therm. 92 at 12.
At 1 PM	100	
" 9 " "	71	

Saturday 24

At sunrise	64	mostly cloudy – sultry Bull's Therm. 86.
" 1 PM.	86	
" 9 " "	72	

Sunday 25

At sunrise	72	Thundershowers at sunrise – at 3 PM and at 5 PM.
" 1 PM	88	
" 9 " "	72	

Monday 26

At sunrise	60	Clear. Wind NW. Bull's Therm. 74
at 1 PM.	88	
at 9 " "	58	

Tuesday 27

At sunrise	51	Clear. Wind NW. Bull's Ther. 78.
at 1 PM.	82	
at 9 " "	52	

Wednesday 28

At sunrise	64	Cloudy morn. Clear day Bull's Ther. 76.
At 1 PM	76	
at 9 " "	54	

Thursday 29

At sunrise	44	Clear. – Bull's Ther. 74
At 1 PM	78	
at 9 " "	56	

Friday 30

At sunrise	50	Clear. Bull's Ther. 78
at 1 PM	78	
at 9 " "	64	

Saturday 31

At sunrise	58	Rainy all day. Bull's Ther 78
at 1 PM	66	
at 9 " "	62	

August 1.

At sunrise	63	Some rain in morning (say ½ clear ½ cloudy Bull's Therm. 74
At 1 PM		
At 9 " "	64	

Monday 2

At sunrise	54	Fair. Bull's Ther. 72 at 12
at 1 PM	81	
at 9 " "	68.	

August 3 Tuesday – Sunrise – 1 o'clock.

	N.H.		N.H. 9 o'clock	Hartford Bull's Th.
Th. 5	59	87	70 – Fair.	75
Aug 4.	59	75	64 – some haze	86
Thursday 5.	68.	88	70 – haze. clouds.	86
Friday 6.	66	84.	64 – mostly clear	85
Saturday 7	54	82.	62 – some hazy	82
Sunday 8.	58	86.	68 – do "	81
Monday 9.	69	86.	71 Rainy morn.	85
Tuesday 10.	64.	89.	70 – mostly clear	87
Wednesday 11.	66.	72.	64 Some Rain (last night & Friday)	86
Thursday 12.	64.	82.	65 – clear	80
Friday 13.	...	80.	64 – fog. clouds. clear	76
Saturday 14.	56	76.	66 – " " "	87
Sunday 15.	54.	82.	63 – " " "	72
Monday 16.	56	79.	66 – " " "	76
Tuesday 17.	61	85.	70 – haze. " "	75
Wednesday 18.	61	89.	61 " " "	79
Thursday 19.	60.	85.	67 " " "	80
Friday 20.	58.	91.	71 Some (last) rain mostly cloudy	86
Saturday 21.	63.	85.	73 clouds & clear.	

Apphia noted rain, or rainy, July 31; Aug 4; heavy rain night of Aug 10 & some on 11th and night of 11th. It only little fell July 25. Most of the rain for 4 or 5 weeks was Aug 11 and night before & after.

The weather at Hartford & here was much of it sultry dog-day weather – called fair but mingled with haze, clouds, fog &c.

E. W. Bull's Thermometer is kept in a pent up back yard, and is no criterion of the true temperature. In hot weather it is too cool there; in cool weather too warm, or too cool. It varies 2 to 6 or 10 degrees from the real temperature.

Friday July 23 was a very hot day here. The therm. went up to 100, seven to 104, under Apphia's care, but 98 is probably as high as it would have been, at a proper exposure.

Average of July at N.H.

at sunrise	58 4/31	Average 68° (or exact 67. 30/31)
at 1 PM	81 26/31	
at 9 " "	63 29/31	

July at Cambridge

at sunrise	61. 0
at 3 PM	79.5
at 9 " "	71.0

August. 1841.

Sunday 22 — Mr. Wiley preached A.M. and Mr. E. Hopkins P.M. Congregation thin.

Therm. At sunrise 65, At 1 PM. 78, at 9 ... 66

I wrote a letter to George B. Judd, Bridgeport, Con. in the evening, in reply to one from him in my absence.

A fine rain in the morning — rest of the day cloudy. Wind N.N.E and N.E.

Monday 23 — I had some bills, made in my absence. My postage bill for 4 or 5 weeks (including Elizabeth's) was 3.07 — my postage cost more than my meat.

Therm. At sunrise 58, at 1 P.M. 74, at 9 ... 55

Wrote a letter to Mr Joseph B. Felt, Boston.

Clear — all day. Cool. Wind mostly N.N.E & N.E.

My expenses at Hartford:—

Stage fare down and back,	$4.50
4 weeks & 3 days board at 2.50	11.08
Postage 55. Prickly ash 19c ...	74
Paid Mr. Kinman for documents for Isaac Clark	1.00
Ink stand and Ink 9cts	0.09
Silk for Apphia 75c	75
	$18.16

Paid out for G. Walker J.

Trunk from H. to N.H.	0.50
Horse & carriage to Rocky hill	1.25
Transport of trunk,	" 25
Paid F. & M. Bank for protest & postage	1.50
Horse & waggon to Newington	1.00
Cash paid to Elizabeth	5.00
Albert's shoes mended.	" 33
Elizabeth's postage	1.05
Mr Fiske for advice	1.00
	11.88

Nov. Paid Bartlett for box 3.12
" Stage fare Ap. to Hartford 2.25
do " Albert " 1.13
Rail road to N Haven. Ap 1.50
" " to do. Albert " 75
Steamboat to N.Y. Ap. ... 1.00
do. " Albert . 50
22.13

1842 Feb. dividend in R. Road shares 30.00
" July. Paid for J.W. in Boston 5.50
" " Paid him in Hartford. 2.45
" " Interest on his note 1 yr. 18.00
78.17

J.W.'s Credit on book
He paid to Apphia 1841 & 42. 36.55
He balanced old acc. vs. Ap. 30.00
He paid for Park 8.04
He paid for mother & Pin 3.58 } 11.62
78.17

I have received 60 dollars from C. Parkman.

Have paid for him, as follows

To R. Sacket for high heeled brogans.	2.50
To Mr Anthony for boots —	4.00
To Hamp. Mis. Society, 1 year's interest on his note	6.00
To Interest on Note to Stephen Johnson due Sept. 15. Sent by Alfred J. Aug. 28	6.00
Sent To one year's payment on Insurance. N.Y.	8.04
" To cash paid to Charles Smith on your acc.	20.00
" To indorsing on your note to me	13.46
	60.00

I have paid to day 50 cents for new potatoes; 12½ cents for a pumpkin. Whortleberries are sold at 5 cents. Apples are quite plenty, and the grocers ask 4/6 for them. Grocers ask 9 cents for new cheese. Wrote letters this evening to Rev. Thos. Robins, Mattapoisett, Geo. L. Smith, South Hadley, John A. Judd, Westhampton.

Tuesday 24. Started at 2 o'clock this morning for South Deerfield — spent the forenoon in making out my accounts in regard to brother Smith's estate. In the afternoon went up to Greenfield, & finished my business at the probate office. Took tea at brother Hall's and returned to South Deerfield. Mr James arrived there from Missouri.

Therm. At sunrise 42, at 1 PM 74, at 9 ... 56, Clear.

Wednesday 25. Spent the forenoon in adjusting matters respecting the estate of brother Smith. After dinner returned to Northampton in the stage. In the afternoon, Mr. Townsend, a friend of C. Parkman from South Carolina, arrived; will remain here till tomorrow.

Therm. At sunrise 44, at 1 PM 78, at 9 ... 57, Clear.

August 1841.

Wednesday 25 Brother Smith's Estate

I finished my administration upon the estate yesterday at Greenfield; that is, it is finished unless something unexpected occurs. The Judge of Probate allowed my account, and all in reference to Personal Estate is settled.

The inventory of personal estate was		776.99
Collected on debts (& some cash) "		379.97
Total amount of personal estate		$1156.96
I paid debts due from the estate	733.41	
Loss on personal estate sold to pay debts	38.87	
Deduct something appraised that was George's	3.25	
My account for money paid out and services in settling the estate	59.67	
		$835.20
Balance of personal estate after paying debts and all charges		321.76
I requested the Judge to allow the widow 2/3 of this "to keep the family together and bring up the minor children", and he did it		214.50
The other 1/3 belonged to her by law		107.26
She gave me a receipt for this amount to day		321.76

So the personal estate was all settled.

My charges of administration were in fact only $15.32 viz 11.42 for cash paid out, & 3.90 for services — yet I made out an account for about as much as the law would allow (59.67) in order to reduce the amount of personal estate, as considerable of it was consumed & could not be found, & I wished to have the amount as small as I justly could, so as to induce the judge to give it to the widow. So the charge of 59.67 was all, except 15.32, for the benefit of the widow & no advantage to me. (Part of this 15.32 paid by property not inventoried)

The widow's 321.76 was made up as follows:—

all the household furniture, so called, in inventory	229.49
2 Cows in the inventory (calves cut 1.50)	50.50
Agricultural tools, so called in inventory	30.75
Provisions in inventory	11.02
	$321.76

The whole inventory has gone as follows:—

To pay debts — Live Stock	221.	
{Some loss on sales as above} Rye, broomcorn & hay	118	
East. sleigh, waggon & harness	58	397.00
Cradle & scythes belong to George		3.25
Produce consumed (besides 11.02 in widow's acc.)		54.98
Allowance to the widow & her third		321.76
		$776.99

Another statement.

Furniture 229.49 — all given to widow.
Live Stock 293.00 — to pay debts 221. Cows 50.50. Consumed 21.50.
Produce & Farming Tools 254.50 — {118 + 58 for debts. 30.75 to Widow. 3.25 to George. consumed 44.50.
776.99

August 1841.

Thursday 26. Therm. At sunrise 44 at 1 P.M. 76 at 9 ... 66	Mr. Townsend and Apphia started for Mt Holyoke at 6 and returned at 9½. Mr. T. left us for Boston soon after 10. I wrote to Parkman while he was gone, and the girls wrote last evening. Mr. T. will return from Boston to Newyork & thence to South Carolina. He boards with C. Parkman at Bennettsville S.C.	
Clear A.M. Hazy P.M.	Rev. Dr. Field of Haddam was here some hours to day — hunting up his ancestors, the Fields of Hatfield, &c	
Friday 27 Therm. At sunrise 56 at 1 P.M. 68 at 9 ... 64	Rev. Dr. Field here again to dinner, and remained an hour or two. Drought — there is much complaint of this in Vermont, Maine, and several other states. It is expected the corn crop will be much lessened by it in several states. Flour and grain have advanced considerably in Newyork & elsewhere. The wheat crop is deficient in some sections, but about an average in the grain states — perhaps rather under an average. Oats in Newengland are a light crop. Potatoes are not promising.	Cloudy — some Rain in the night. Some mist & a little rain to-day. Wind N.N.E. and N.
Saturday 28 Therm. At sunrise 64 at 1 P.M. 74 at 9 ... 68	Wrote a letter to H. M. Leeds, Boston in regard to some of that name at his request.	Cloudy all day. Some drizzle and a little rain. Wind N. and N.E. and E.
Sunday 29 Therm. At sunrise 66 at 1 P.M. 74 at 9 ... 67	Mr. Wiley preached all day. I wrote to J. W. Saturday, and enclosed a note against Leavitt Lord & Co.	Cloudy all day No rain. Wind N. and E.N.E.
Monday 30. Therm. At sunrise 66 At 1 P.M. 74 at 9 ... 67	Politics. It is a long time since I have taken much interest in political affairs, having very little confidence in either party. I commonly read the newspapers however, when at home; but at Hartford I hardly looked at them.	Rained some in the night. Rained most of the forenoon and some in afternoon. Wind N. or a little W. or E. of N.
Tuesday 31 Therm. At sunrise 66 At 1 P.M. 78 at 9 ... 64	This extra session of congress, and the veto, &c. have occasioned much talk, & some excitement. I for one, like the veto, and have no belief that a National Bank will remedy the evils of the country. Wrote to J. W. by Mr Seymour — Eleazar Judd left with me 240 dollars. I indorsed 100 dollars on Sister hymen's note and 140 on my note.	Cloudy — with a little sunshine A.M. More clear P.M. but some rain. Wind, N.N.E. — N.E. — and N.

Thermometer at Cambridge in August — at sunrise 61.3
at 3 P.M. 77.1
at 9 ... 66.2

September 1841.

Wednesday 1. Therm. At sunrise 56 at 1 P.M. 76 at 9 " " 60

There have been 5 cloudy days with considerable rain; and vegetation has revived. The drought to the west & north has so reduced hay & grass that immense numbers of sheep and cattle are driven to the east. Sheep are sold at from 33 cents to 75 cents in great numbers. Deposited 100 dollars in the bank.

Mostly clear, though many clouds. Wind N. — N.E. and E.

Thursday 2 Therm. At sunrise 57 at 1 P.M. 80 at 9 " " 71

Rowen. Several homelots have been mowed this week — but no hay has been dried. Grass seems to grow fast since the wet weather began — and all crops look well. Very little appearance of the past drought to be seen.

Morning foggy & cloudy. Mostly clear after 10. but not a few clouds. Wind S. and S.E. A shower between 9 & 10 evening.

Friday 3 Therm. At sunrise 62 at 1 P.M. 83 at 9 " " 74

Insects — Cricket, & grasshoppers are musical by day & night, and Katydids grate harsh music every evening, but I never heard one of them on King Stut. Flies are quite plenty since the late rainy cloudy weather. Muskeloes are not plenty. Yellow & other butterflies are numerous.

Mostly clear. warm. Wind S.E. & S. A.M. and P.M.

Birds. There are none to be seen or heard about the village. All their music is gone, where are they? I have seen one large flock of birds, flying southerly.

Son Sylvester & his new wife Jane (Williams, daughter of Reuel Williams of Augusta) arrived from Augusta this afternoon. They were married Aug. 31.

English Harvest — commenced in the Southern counties and in some places in the middle counties, Aug. 14 and 15 — was becoming general in Southern districts Aug. 18. Not begun in northern counties Aug. 18. Long time of wet weather previous to Aug. 14. had the effect to raise the price of grain considerably in England, & consequently on the Continent, and now in this country — Hard times in England; laborers out of employment, failures, money scarce, &c.

George Lyman here to-day; he took the 100 dells. for his mother.

Saturday 4 Therm. At sunrise 70 at 1 P.M. 84 at 9 " " 67

Cousin Samuel Edwards here to-day. Sister Smith & Mr. James & wife here, they had been to a camp meeting at Pelham.

Paid Wright & Rust 5.44 for 174 feet of 16 inch wood (4 dells per cord) Potatoes & apples are still sold at 50 cts. bush. Whortle berries are sold at 5 cents. qt.

Cloudy. A shower with thunder 8 to 8 1/4. Partly clear from 9 to 4 P.M. A thunder shower about 5 from W.N.W. Wind mostly S.S.W.

Sunday 5. Therm. At sunrise 63 at 1 P.M. 77 at 9 " " 60

Mr. Erastus Hopkins, preached A.M. Mr. Thompson, from E. Windsor. P.M.

In the evening, wrote to Mr. Felt. Preparing to go to Hartford, tomorrow. Nephew arrived in the stage about one o'clock this morning.

Clear & pleasant. Wind N. all day and brisk A.M.

September and October 1841.

Monday 6 I went to Hartford again. Hall attended to the Thermom. most of the time in my absence.

	Sunrise	10 P.M.	9 P.M.	Wind. 36ths.	Remarks	At Hartford
6	62.	80.	68			mostly cloudy
Tuesday 7	63.	76.	60			Cloudy A.M. Clear P.M.
Wednesday 8	54.	72.	55			Foggy mornings
Thursday 9	49.	77.	57			Clear days
Friday 10	50.	74	64			mostly cloudy
Saturday 11	62.	75.	67			
Sunday 12	65.	77.	65	N.E. N. W		Cloudy — clear
Monday 13	60.	68.	57	N. N.N.W. S.E		Cloudy. some rain
Tuesday 14	49.	72.	52	N. N.E. N.E		clear — pleasant
Wednesday 15	46.	75.	60	N.E. N.		do — do
Thursday 16	50.	72.	50	N.E. N.N.W. E		Mostly clear
Friday 17	50.	72.	58	N.E. S.S.W. S.E		Cloudy. rain in evening
Saturday 18	54.	74.	62	W. N. N		Fair
Sunday 19	49.	70.	57	N. N.N.W. S.S.W		
Monday 20	60.	72.	59	S.E. S.E. S.S.E		
Tuesday 21	61.	70.	62	E.S.E. E.N.E. E.S.E		mostly cloudy
Wednesday 22	56.	70.	54	N. N. E.S.E		
Thursday 23	58.	81.	65	N.E. W.S.W. ...	Cloudy	some — rainy night
Friday 24	64.	74.	69	E. N. N.	Cloudy. little rain	Rainy
Saturday 25	69.	72.	64	S. S. S.W	Rainy	Heavy rain
Sunday 26	52.	73.	55	S. S. S.W	Clear & fine	clear & pleasant
Monday 27	50.	68.	53	W. & W. S.W	Clear & fine	do do
Tuesday 28	52.	77.	68	S.E. S. S	Cloudy	mostly cloudy
Wednesday 29	66.	80.	54	S. W. N.E	Cloudy. drizzle	Rainy.
Thursday 30	51.	63.	46	N.E. W. N.W.	Rain	Cloudy A.M. Clear P.M.

October.

Friday 1	37.	58.	45	N. N.W. N.W	first White frost. Pleasant day	First frost — not heavy. Clear
Saturday 2	33.	58.	44	S.S.W. E. E	White frost. cloudy.	some frost. partly clear
Sunday 3	46.	45.	36	N.E. N.E. N.E.	drizzle. Rain. Wind	S.N.E. storm — wind
Monday 4	40.	46.	45	N.N.E. N. N.N.E	Wind & rain. Hills white	rain & snow
Tuesday 5	42.	53.	45	N. N.E. N.E	Cloudy — unpleasant	Eastern Hills white
Wednesday 6	42.	59.	40	N. N.N.E. N.E	1/2 cloudy. 1/2 clear	mostly cloudy
Thursday 7	32.	62.	50	N.E. S.E. S	Fair. pleasant	do do. Snow about gone
Friday 8	48.	53.	48	S.S.E. N.N.E. N.E	Cloudy. Rainy	cloudy. rain in night
Saturday 9	48.	65.	44	N. W.N.W. N.W.	Clear after 10	mostly clear
Sunday 10	40.	62.	40	S.S.W. N.N.W. N.N.W.	Clear — fine	do "
Monday 11	32.	38.	58	S.W. S. S.S.E.	White frost. Cloudy.	Cloudy
Tuesday 12	53.	70.	50	S. W.S.W. W.	Mostly cloudy	clear & cloudy
Wednesday 13	41.	55.	34	N.W. N.W. N.W.	Clear	clear
Thursday 14	30.	56.	34	W. N.W. N.W.	Frost. Clear	Heavy frost. clear
Friday 15	38.	49.	46	S. S.S.W. S	cloudy. drizzle	Cloudy. some rain
Saturday 16	40.	54.	40	N.N.E. N.N.E. N.	cloudy.	cloudy. Sprinkling
Sunday 17	32.	49.	34	N.E. N.N.E. N.	Frost. Clear.	clear. wild geese
Monday 18	28.	50.	31		clear.	Heavy frost. clear.
Tuesday 19	35.	49.	30			clear
Wednesday 20	38.	50.	44			Rainy
Thursday 21	38.	52.	38			partly clear and partly cloudy
Friday 22	35.	54	37			
Saturday 23	36.	55.	38			
Sunday 24	40.	48.	36			clear
Monday 25	32.	40.	24			clear & cold
Tuesday 26	22.	50.	39			ground frozen. clear
Wednesday 27	32	51.	28			mostly clear
Thursday 28	22.	49.	24			
Friday 29	31.	49.	46	N. S.S.W. S.S.W.	Cloudy. Clear P.M.	do — do
Saturday 30	44.	66.	53	S. S.S.E. S.S.E.	Fog. haze. smoke.	smoke. warm
Sunday 31	44.	61.	55	S.S.E. S. S.	Fog. smoke. haze.	fog. haze. warm

November. 1841.

November		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	Wind 3 obs.	Remarks	At Hartford
Monday	1	55.	72.	58	S. SSW. S	Fog &c. pleasant	Pleasant. warm
Tuesday	2	60.	64.	45	SSE. S. SW.	Cloudy mostly	do do
Wednesday	3	36.	59.	41	N. SSE. S	mostly clear.	do do
Thursday	4	39.	57.	46	N. SW. E.	mostly cloudy.	do do
Friday	5.	39.	43.	41	SSW. W. WNW.	Rainy in night & morn. day cloudy	Rainy night & morn. day unpleasant
Saturday	6.	30.	43.	38	WNW. WNW. WNW.	Cloudy	Cloudy & windy.
Sunday	7	37.	43.	27	NW.	cloudy. clear.	2/3 clear. cold
Monday	8.	30.	33.	35	SSE. S.S.W. N.E.	Snow & rain	Snow & rain
Tuesday	9.	35.	43.	29	N. NE. NE.	Mostly clear.	Fair
Wednesday	10	22.	39.	26	NE. NE. NE	do. " cold	do & cold
Thursday	11	18.	42.	25	NW. NE. NNE.	clear & cold.	do "
Friday	12	30.	34.	30	N. NE. SSW.	Rainy. cold.	Rainy
Saturday	13	40.	45.	40	WNW. WNW. WNW.	mostly cloudy	mostly clear
Sunday	14	35	50.	41	WNW. SW.	mostly clear	do. do.
Monday	15	(34)	45.	33	WNW. NW. NW.	partly do	rain last night mostly cloudy
Tuesday	16	27.	35.	33	WNW. WNW. WNW.	Variable	mostly clear. cold
Wednesday	17.	33.	36.	31	WSW. W. WNW.	Cloudy. Snow. clear	mostly clear "
Thursday	18.	26.	36.	21	W. WNW. NW.	Clear & pleasant. cold.	do do "
Friday	19	16.	41.	32	NNE. E. ENE.	Clear A.M. cloudy. Snow	Do. cloudy
Saturday	20.	34.	38.	36	N. N. N.	cloudy. sprinkle	Rain & snow last night
Sunday	21	30.	44.	28	NW. NW. NW.	clear. pleasant.	Clear.
Monday	22.	33.	37.	38	SSE. ENE. NE.	Rainy by turns.	Rainy
Tuesday	23.	43.	47.	30	WNW. WNW. WNW.	clear. fine.	mostly clear.
Wednesday	24.	33.	43.	28	WNW. WNW. WNW.	mostly clear.	
Thursday	25.	28.	30.	32	N. NE. N.N.E.	Cloudy. little snow.	
Friday	26.	32.	40.	32.	N. NE. ----	cloudy.	
Saturday	27	25.	28.	18.	N.N.W. ----	Partly clear.	Cold.
Sunday	28	21	28.	21.	S.W. SE. N.W.	Cloudy.	cold.
Monday	29	19	24.	22.	N.N.E & N.	Snowy.	cold.
Tuesday	30	8	32.	17.	N.W. N.E. E. N.W.	mostly clear	

September was a mild month — more so than usual, yet much of it was cloudy, and considerable rain fell. No frost and no approximation to frost. All crops got ripe.

Thermometer for September
At Sunrise 57
At 1 P.M. 74. $\frac{14}{30}$
At 9 " " 60. $\frac{13}{30}$
Average $63\frac{29}{30}$

In New York city the average of September at 4 Observations viz Sunrise, 2 P.M. sunset, 9 P.M. was 66°.34.

October was a cold month — more so than usual — unpleasant.

A snow storm Oct. 3 — a foot deep or more on highlands in Connecticut — not so deep in Massachusetts. 2 or 3 inches in Hartford, but hardly any in Northampton. Hills about Northampton covered. The highlands east of Hartford were white Oct 3. 4. 5. 6 & 7. Most of the snow fell in evening & night of Oct. 3. There was a violent wind & much rain in the valley Oct. 3 & 4. No snow at N.Y. city.

Frost — the first was Oct. 1. squash vines killed Oct 2d. but no severe frost till 14th and 18th — not very heavy till 26th.

Forests were quite variegated about Hartford Oct 16. and doubtless the colors of the leaves had changed sometime before this. Leaves on the fruit trees in the city, & most other trees in the city were green Oct 16. and only partially killed or decayed. Oct 31 leaves mostly fallen.

Wild geese went over the city towards the South Oct 17.

Thermometer for October
At Sunrise 37. $\frac{4}{31}$
At 1 P.M. 54 $\frac{2}{31}$
At 9 " " 40 $\frac{25}{31}$
Average 44°.

New York City.
At Sunrise 43.58
At 2 P.M. 54.06
At Sunset 50.67
At 9 P.M. 48.13
Average 49.11

Great change in the average from September to October.

First ice in N. York was Oct. 26.

Winds N.y. N. $\frac{7}{12}$ — N.E. 5 — E. $2\frac{1}{2}$ — SW. 11 — W. $4\frac{1}{2}$ — NW. $7\frac{1}{2}$

Average at Sunrise, 2 & 9. 48.59.
Hottest day at N.Y. Oct 12. average 60.10
Coldest day at N.Y. Oct 25 " 35.75
Fair 17. Cloudy 6. Variable 8. Rain 7. Snow 1.

November 1841.

November to the time of my return to Northampton was about on a medium — colder than last year. The first 20 days averaged 38¼°. — in 1840 the first 20 days averaged about 40°.

Indian Summer. This began Oct 30 & continued till Nov 5th, or 6 days. The weather was warm, & there was fog & smoke, but the smoke was not thick, and the weather not so warm as it is sometimes during the Indian Summer.

Snow — 2 or 3 inches in Northampton Nov. 8. & some in Hartford
" a little fell in do Nov 17 but none in do
" some snow fell in do — Nov 19 at night, & some in do.

Aurora Borealis very brilliant in New England &c. Evening of Nov 18.

Jon Sylvester & his wife set out for Maine Sept. 22
Arethusa came home in Sept. and returned to Andover Oct 26.
Apphia and Albert went down to Hartford Nov 17. and on to New York Nov. 19.
Son J.W. had a son born in New York — Oct. 21. —
Mendians visited Northampton — Nov. 12

November 24. Wednesday } I returned to Northampton and to Sophni with me. I had been absent 11 weeks and 2 days, or since Sept 6. I had been occupied on the colonial papers of Connecticut — mostly in the state house (senate chamber) and after all, had arranged & got ready for the binder only 30 volumes, and only half of these were bound: including the time I was there in August. I was at Hartford at both times 92 working days, but had so many hindrances from my own & my children's affairs and other matters that I charged for only 77 days, viz. 25 at 2 dolls $50
52 at 1.50. 78
$128

My Expenses the last time to Hartford: —

Stage fare down & up	4.	50	
Mrs. Dunham's board bill 11 Weeks 1½ days at 2.50	28.	04	
Paid for 5 pints of oil for lamp		75	
" Mrs Dunham for washing		59	
" Postage on letters at Hartford		87	
" for newspapers & small matters		88	
	35.	63	35 63

Paid silk dyer 2.14.	2.14		
" for a box for son J.W	3.12		
" for Apphia & Albert's conveyance to N. Haven	2.25		
" for do do " to Rail road	25		
Let Apphia have (no freight & Albert's on steam boat to come out)	5.00	12. 76	12. 76

Cash expenses at home in my absence

	Postage to Oct 2. $2.15.	Graham flour 72 cents		2. 87	
Nov.	Buckwheat flour " 50.	Cheese, beef &c 63 "		1. 13	
"	Pudding pan 25.	Shoes for Apphia 2.25		2. 50	
"	Sippet for Albert 17.	Cash for sundries 5.00		5. 17	
16	Bbl. Sup. Flour 7.75.	Dock Walker's bill 1.00 for Aph		8. 75	
20.	Stove & sheet iron & zinc of Roberts.			22. 50	
17	Stage fare Aph. & Albert to Hartford 2.25 & 1.13			3. 38	
17	Hall let Apphia have			1. 00	47 30
					95. 69

November 1841.

Expenses, &c. continued

Carried to Hartford with me	28.39
Received at Hartford	128.00
Received dividend here on 7 shares Hamp. Bank	28.00
	184.39
Deduct payments on preceding page	95.69
remains on hand	88.70

Thursday 25 Thanksgiving day. Congregation at the meeting house rather thin. Mr. Wiley preached. Only 3 of my children here – Hall, Hophni, Peninnah. I was absent the 2 preceding Thanksgivings.

Snow in the afternoon 1½ or 2 inches.

Friday 26. Ground still white. Weather unpleasant. Cloudy. I called at Isaac Clark's. Ladies Fair at Town Hall; I did not visit it.

Saturday 27. Paid my note to the bank, dated Oct 5. 1841. for 100 dollars, signed by myself, and Asa Parsons as surety. This was part of the sum borrowed at the Bank July 14. 1841, viz 200 dollars. The note was renewed for 100 dollars, Oct 5. See July 17.

I had 75 dollars of Hall, & in lieu of it, he is to have the whole of John Clark's note payable to said Hall, April 17. 1841, of which note I previously owned 75 dollars, as stated July 17. 1841. He allowed interest on it. The rest of the money I took from the 88.70 (to pay the bank.)

I have now against John Clark 3 notes, viz } — 904.00.
$235, 500$, 169.$

I owe to Hall 344 dollars of this 904 dolls. See July 17.
I owe to Kingsley's assignees 400 dollars. (paid Jan 13. 1842)

Sunday 28 Mr. Mitchel preached A.M. and Mr. Wiley P.M.

Cloudy & cold.

Monday 29. A wintry day. It snowed from N.N.E. and N. a considerable part of the day – snow light & some drifted — The quantity was probably from 3 to 4 inches in depth.

Tuesday 30 There has been no thawing for 3 days past, but Thermometer has been below 32 all the time. This morning feels and appears like winter. Thermometer down to 8 at sunrise. This weather must have closed all northern rivers & canals.
It thawed a little in the sun not in the shade. Many sleighs running to day, & not a few waggons.

Thermometer at N.H. in November.

At sunrise	$31\frac{27}{30}$	Average
At 1 P.M.	42 —	$35\frac{41}{90}$.
At 9 " "	$32\frac{14}{30}$	

At Cambridge (Harv. Col. Observatory)

at sunrise	33.1
at 9 A.M.	36.7
at 3 P.M.	40.6
at 9 " "	35.0

Variation 1st week in Nov — from 40 to 60
" 2d " — " — " 30 to 40
" 3d " — " — " 30 to 38
" 4th " — " — " 32 to 45

December 1841.

Wednesday 1. Another cold day; thawed a little in the sun; the Thermometer has not been above the freezing point for 5 days. Both sleighs & wagons are running. The snow the latter part of last week extended to the west and Southwest, a great distance.

Thermom. at sunrise 8, at 1 P.M. 30, at 9 " " 26

The N.E. storm of Monday began at Baltimore about 4 P.M. on Sunday; reached New York Sunday Evening and arrived here Monday morning. More snow fell to the South than in this vicinity – 10 inches in N. York.

Paid out to day – to Swake for shoe making &c 1.29
" to Mrs Shepard for 145 quart milk 5.80
" for a Thermometer (J. Fowle) 1.00
" Mr. Tower for use of a small garden last summer 3.00

Mrs Shepard's milk bill begins again tomorrow.

Clear & pleasant but cold to day. Wind mostly S.E.

Thursday 2 Auction at Doct. Sunstead's. He preparing to remove to Halifax.

Thermom. At sunrise 28, At 1 P.M. 46, At 9 " " 29

Considerable thawing. Sleighing almost done – Fair. Connecticut river is closed, though some places are open. Closed below Hartford. North River not quite closed yet.

Wind Southerly or between S.W. and S.E.

Friday 3. Hopkins started for Windsor this morning.

Therm. At sunrise 26, At 1 P.M. 36, at 9 " " 42

It rained gently in the afternoon, and harder in evening and night.

Cloudy A.M. Rainy P.M. Wind Northerly most of day.

Sherman Clark here with wood: I have received of him since 1839 as follows

March 13. 1840	1 small load		called ½ cord	64 feet	
April 14 "	1 load		"	96 "	
Sept 4 "	1 "		"	117	
" 28 "	1 "		"	117	
Winter of 1840-41.	2 "		"	228	894 feet or 7 Cords wanting 12 feet
Spring of 1841	1 "	by Marsh	"	96	
Nov 1841	1 "		"	96	
Dec 3. 1841	1 "		"	80	

Dec 28 1841 1 load 58 feet = 29th 1 load 58 feet } 2 cords wanting 8 feet
Jan 12. 1842. 1 load green 64 = 14. 1 load green 68 feet.

Oct Nov. Dec 1842.	3 loads wood.	about 60., 70. & 100 feet	5 Cords wanting 14 feet
Feb 4 1843.	1 do do	56 feet.	
Feb 19. 20. & 21	3 do do	70 feet, 80 feet, & 72 feet	
Feb 27	1 do. (he called 70)	about 64. round stick &c	
March 14	1 do	64	

In September 1841 I had 174 feet of 16 inch wood of Wright and Rest. at 4 dollars per cord } 5. 44 Paid

In Novr. 1841. John Bridgeman 150 feet wood not good – at 2.75 } 3. 23 Indorsed

Dec 1841 of Wm Edwards 1 load of White oak wood – 2. 81 paid in cash.
Dec 1841 of L. Moody 1 load of do. " " 2. 35 Isaac Clark chargd it
Feb 1842 of Zenas Wright 1 load of oak – 3. 00 Paid
Feb 1842 of Elam Clark 1 " " – 2. 25 Indorsed.
March 1842 of John Bridgeman 1 cord 3. 00 paid
" 1842 of Brother Parsons 2. 00 paid –

December 1841.

Saturday 4 — The snow is mostly gone. The sleighing continued in New York city from Monday till Thursday. The late snow was 10 inches in N.Y. 6 inches in Hartford & only 3 or 4 inches in this place, and less still in Amherst, South Hadley, &c. The present thaw & rain will probably open the canals and rivers again

Thermom. at sunrise 42, at 1 P.M. 49, at 9 " " 37

Rainy A.M. and Wind S. Clear P.M. and Wind S.W. and W.

The Erie Canal was closed by ice as follows:

1824 Dec 4	1825 Dec. 5	1826 Dec. 18
1827 Dec 18	1828 Dec. 28	1829 Dec. 17
1830 Dec 17	1831 Dec 1	1832 Dec 21
1833 Dec 12	1834 Dec 12	1835 Nov. 30
1836 Nov. 26	1837 Dec. 9	1838 Nov. 25.
1839 Dec 16	1840 Dec 1	1841 Nov. 28.

Perhaps some errors in the above — taken from Journal of Commerce.

Sunday 5 — Mr. Wiley preached all day. Sacrament. Hadley meeting House is being removed from the West Street to the East side of Middle Street. It is now in the cross street (Russel Street) nearly against the Academy. The whole house and steeple go together. Hadley has now 2 Societies & 2 churches, besides the Society & church at North Hadley.

Thermom. at sunrise 35, at 1 PM 37, at 9 " " 37

Cloudy all day Wind S.W. & W. do. Unpleasant.

BONNETS — are now, as they were last summer, nearly all of one shape, here, at Hartford, and elsewhere. Such uniformity as to the form I never knew before. The top of the greater part is straight with no hollow between the crown & front part; a large number however are not quite straight but the fore piece is a little elevated making a small hollow on the top. — The opening is generally an oval, the two sides coming nearly together below and a little forward of the chin. The fore piece is not wide on the top, but narrow enough to give the face a full exposure. — A few nun's hoods appear.

Monday 6 — Wrote a letter to George B. Judd, at Bridgeport, Con. in reply to his of Oct. 15, regarding his Judd ancestors.

Thermom. At sunrise 36, at 1 PM 41, at 9 " " 26

6 Mostly clear Wind N.W.

Tuesday 7 — The Connecticut has been open since the late thaw; and the North River has not been closed.

Therm. At sunrise 21, At 1 P.M. 35, At 9 " " 19

7 Fair & cold. Very little Thawing Wind N.W.

Wednesday 8 — Congress is again sitting, but there is no great feeling or expectation in regard to their doings. The whigs have a large majority in Congress, but the fall elections have confounded them & depressed their spirit. The question as to a National Bank is decided — there can be no U.S. Bank for discounts, &c. I rejoice at this result being entirely opposed to any mammoth bank. As to other measures, I do not expect much good from anything that will be done by these politicians, whigs or locos.

Thermom. at sunrise 16, at 1 P.M. 41, at 9 " " 33

8 Mostly clear Wind Southerly. or between S.W. and S.E.

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Thursday 9. Therm from. at sunrise 36 at 1 PM. 41 at 9 " " 36

Brother Parsons here. His account for 5 months past is 15 lbs butter at 15¢ 49 lbs butter at 14. Potatoes 20¢. Pork 58¢ Indian meal & hominy 70¢. 3 doz Eggs. 37 peck Quinces 37¢. 13 lbs Fowls @ 8¢ — 1.04 8 lbs Lard 8¢. 2 doz Eggs 33¢. 4¼ lbs pork 25¢. 9 lbs Mutton 36

He owed me at settlement July 6

9 Cloudy Wind S and S.E.

	12.27
	1.41
	1.13
	.61
	15.42
	5.37
	10.05 due to him

Comparison of Northampton and Worcester Temperature in 1840, at Sunrise; and 1 o'clock N.H. and 2 o'clock Worcester. The comparison at 9 could not be made, as the 3 observation was at sunset in Worcester

	Northampton	Worcester
January 1840.	10 12/31 Sunrise	13.03 sunrise
	22 18/31 1 PM	22.03. 2 PM
February	23 26/29 Sunrise	27.58 sunrise
	37 23/29 1 PM	35.86 2 PM
March	29 11/31 Sunrise	30.09. sunrise
	42 19/31 1 PM	41.19. 2 PM
April	38 8/30 Sunrise	41.60. sunrise
	58 27/30 1 PM	56.06. 2 PM
May	45 21/31 sunrise	47.87. sunrise
	69 9/31 1 PM	64.16 - 2 pm
June	55 5/30 sunrise	57.70 sunrise
	75 17/30 1 PM.	72.76 - 2 pm.
July.	59 29/31 sunrise	63.38 sunrise
	83 7/31 1 PM	79.61 2 PM
August	60 2/31 sunrise	63.19. sunrise
	82 7/31. 1 PM	77.70. 2 PM
September	47 13/30 sunrise	52.66. sunrise
	70 1/30 1 PM.	65.96 2 P.M.
October	40 23/31 sunrise	44.67 sunrise
	57 5/31 1 PM	56.09 2 PM
November	33 13/30 sunrise	34.30. sunrise
	48 12/30 1 PM	42.30 2 pm
December	21 3/31 sunrise	22.12 sunrise
	35 13/31 1 PM.	30.80. 2 pm.

Worcester

Fair days	274
Cloudy "	92
Rain fell on	96
Snow " "	38
Moon Halos	6
Aurora Borealis	31

Winds at Worcester

North	20 days
N.W.	120
W.	20
S.W.	77
S	34
S.E.	26
E	0
N E	38
	335 (some error

Thermometer at Worcester Kept at Lunatic Hospital, 483 feet elevation. Invariably higher in the morning than at Northampton and lower at 2 P.M. Apparently not much difference in the mean temperature of the whole day, at N.H. and W. Full reliance not to be placed on this Worcester Table.

1840 at Trenton N. Jersey, at sunrise, 2 PM. and 10 P.M. compared with Northampton at sunrise, 1 PM. and 9 PM.

January	20.76. at Trenton		16 1/93 at NH
February	35.51		30 11/57
March	35.58		34.86/93
April	53.36		47.52/90
May	58.30	54.30	56 13/31
June	66.05		64
July	68.42		69 79/93
August	70.74		69 32/93
Sept.	58.70		56 24/30
Oct.	52.16		47.86/93
Nov.	42.11		39 15/30
Decr.	28.82		27 3/31
Average of 1840 at N.H			46.64

Trenton according to this is only 2½ degrees warmer than Northampton. This cannot be correct — there must be more difference.

49.21. mean temp. of year at T.

Jan. 17 coldest day. Ther. 13 below 0

July 16 warmest day. Ther. 90 above 0

Delaware open Feb. 20. Closed Dec. 7.

Trenton is 40°.14 N. Latitude.

51 inches of rain fell at T. in 1840.

December 1841.

Friday 10. Meteorology — continued from American Almanac 1842. 10 Cloudy all day Evening Rainy. Wind A.M. S.E. P.M. N.E.

Therm. at sunrise 31 at 10 A.M. 42 at 9 " " 41

Temperature at Newtown, Bucks Co. Penn. Lat 40 1/4. same latitude with Trenton but farther West & higher.

For the year 1839 — 3 observations 7 A.M. 2 P.M. 9 P.M. — 52.85
For the year 1840 do " " " 51.52
For 7 months of 1841 (Jany to July inclusive) — 48.55.

In 1840 the mean temperature at 2 o'clock at Newtown was 58.41.
In 1840 the mean temp. at N. Hamp. at 1 P.M. 56.91.

This comparison of N. Hampton & Newtown shows that entire confidence cannot be placed in such tables, owing to different thermometers, different exposures, different attention, &c. N. Hampton is over 15 degrees colder than Newtown at 2 o'clock, so it seems to me. Trenton is probably full as warm as Newtown.

Newtown averaged at 9 o'clock P.M. in 1840 — 47.19.
Northampton " at " " " — " — 44.19

Here the difference between Newtown & Northampton is only 3 degrees. The difference is still less at 1 or 2 o'clock, but doubtless greater in the morning. The summer months are about as warm at Northampton as at Trenton & Newtown, according to these tables. As Newtown morning observation is at 7 o'clock, and the others at sunrise, all comparisons must be defective, in regard to the whole day.

7 months of 1841. viz Jan. to July. inclusive.

At N. Hampton		At Newtown Pa.	
At 1 P.M.	57.00	At 2 P.M.	54.69
at 9 " "	42.40.	At 9 " "	46.83.

Here Northampton is the highest at 1 P.M. (compared with Newtown at 2) and the lowest at 9 P.M. — Taking both there is but little difference. Can this be correct? I think not. My own thermometer is perhaps usually too high at 1 P.M. there being no proper place about this building, but the error is not all here.

Bath, Maine 1840. Mean Temp. at sunrise 40.0
N. Lat 43°.54'. Do " at 2 P.M. 54.7.
Do " at sunset 47.2

Savannah, Georgia. Therm. 1840 (June to June 1841) highest 98°. lowest 22°. Rain 54 inches.
Mean Temp. at 7 A.M. 61.25; at 2 P.M. 74.80; at 7 P.M. 68.62

Augusta, Georgia. Therm. 1840. Jan. to Jan. hottest 96. coldest 18.
mean Temp. at sunrise 54.58: at 1 P.M. 69.75; at 9 P.M. 59.31.

Mobile. 1840-41. from April to March inclusive — hottest 93. coldest 31.
Mean Temp at 7 A.M. 65.75: at 2 P.M. 75.50 — at 9 P.M. 69.49

New Orleans. Oct. 1839 to Nov 1840 — at 8 A.M. 70.2; at 2 P.M. 75.8: at 8 P.M. 70.5

Charleston. Jan. to Dec. 1840. — varied from 24 to 91 degrees.

Little Rock, Arkansas 1840. from 19° to 96° — Mean Temp of 1840 62°.

Marietta, Ohio from 4 below to 92 above. — Mean Temp. 1840. 52.54

Bloomington, Iowa Ty. 1840 from 25 below to 88 above 0. Mean Temp. 1840. 50.77.

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Friday 10. Meteorology — continued.

Snow at Hartford 1817. to 1841. — from Courant

1817-18	2 feet 2 inches	1825-26.	1 foot 9 inches	1833-34.	1 foot 3 inches
1818-19	3 " 2 "	1826 27	3 " 10	1834-35	3. 2
1819-20.	7 " 1 "	*1828 29	2 " 3	1835-36	5. 9
1820-21	7 " 6 "	1829-30	3. 0	1836-37	1. 5
1821-22	2 " 11	1830. 31	2. 10	1837-38	2. 6
1822-23	6 " 6	1831-32	5. 4	1838-39	0. 10
1823-24	2 " 11	1832-33.	2. 2	1839-40	4. 5
1824-25.	2 " 10	*1827-28	1. 10	1840-41.	6. 9
	35. 1		23. 0		26. 7.

Total in 24 years, 84 feet 2 inches, or 3½ feet each winter on an average.

Flowering of Trees 1841.

Peach.	at Cambridge Mass.	May 12.	Cherry	at C. May 12.	Apple	at C.	May 24
	Paradise Lan. Co. Pa.	May 1		at P. May 1		at P	May 15
	Baltimore Md.	Ap. 20.		at B. April 25		at B	May 1
	Norwalk Ohio			at N. May 5		at N.	May 12
	Perth Amboy N.J.	May 7		at P.A.		at P.A.	May 17

Northampton	Latitude.	1st Con. church	42°. 19'. 8".	Longitude	72°. 38'. 21
Springfield	"	Court House	42. 6. 1.	do	72. 35. 47
Worcester	"	Ant. Hall	42. 16. 13	do	71. 48. 10
Pittsfield	"	1st Con. church	42. 26. 53	do	73. 16. 5
Greenfield	"	2d Con. church	42. 35. 16	do	72. 36. 32
Amherst	"	College chapel	42. 22. 13	do	72. 31. 36
Hartford	"	State House	41. 45. 57	do	72. 40. 45
Boston	"	State House	42. 21. 22	do	71. 4. 7
Albany	"	Capitol	42. 39. 3.	do	73. 44. 49
Buffalo	"		42. 53.		
Detroit	"		42. 24.		

P.S.

Amherst College Meteorological Journal for 1841.

Hours of observation not given.

Average of the year 45.85. Highest temperature 94°. Lowest 17 below 0.

Inches of water and melted snow 41.63 inches

Inches of snow 69½ inches

Fair days 240. Cloudy days 125.

Winds — Northwesterly prevailed — 200 days

" Southerly " 139 "

" Northeasterly " 26 "

This does not correspond much with the same things at Northampton.

At Cambridge — Sept. Oct. Nov. & Dec.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Decr.
at sunrise	56.6	38 0	33.1	26.8
at 3 PM	70.2	52.2	40.6	34.4
at 9 " "	59.8	41.8	35.0	28.7

December 1841

Saturday 11. Therm. at sunrise 42° at 1 P.M. 43 at 9 " " 41

Warm weather for December continues. Last night was dark and rainy; and this morning is rainy. Rainy at times through the day. The grass looks green in many lots.

11 Wind N.N.E and N.

Sunday 12 Therm. at sunrise 32 at 1 P.M. 46 at 9 " " 27

Mr. Danforth of Hadley preached all day. He has considerable life & animation and his matter is pretty fair.

12 Wind N.N.W. A very fine day. Hardly a cloud visible all day.

Monday 13 Therm. at sunrise 24 at 1 P.M. 38 at 9 " " 35

Erastus Knight of Chesterfield gave me a note of 6.34 in Illinois 1823, almost 19 years ago. To day, he paid 1 dollar & I let him have the note. He paid a little on it many years ago.

13. Fair till aftn 3 then cloudy. Wind N.N.E. forenoon. " Southerly. P.M.

Tuesday 14 Therm. at sunrise 38 at 1 P.M. 40 at 9 " " 33

Wrote letters to L. Mancy, Greenwich R. Seard and G. Seard Southampton, E. Hunt, Cummington, G. L. Smith. S Hadley. It is not warm, but many things have the appearance of Spring. Crows are quite noisy in the morning.

14 Rainy most of the day. Wind mostly N.E. Towards night N. Evening clear.

Wednesday 15 Therm. at sunrise 28 at 1 P.M. 46 at 9 " " 39

Money-pressure. There is complaint of hard times in the cities — banks do not discount freely — money worth 1 to 1½ per cent. a month. The west, and indeed almost all parts of the U.S. complain of hard times. This is nothing new. It is a time of great distress among the laboring class in England, & some others.

15 Thick fog till noon. Next Fair. Cloudy towards night. Wind E & N.E.

Thursday 16 Therm. at sunrise 37 at 1 P.M. 40 at 9 " " 34

The mild weather has continued now two weeks — the therm. almost all the time above the freezing point or 32°. Though mild, it has been mostly unpleasant. Streams all open — roads all muddy. Steam boats and other vessels run to & from Hartford, & Albany

16 Cloudy all day. Evening Rainy. Wind N.N.E. and N.

Friday 17 Therm. at sunrise 30 at 1 P.M. 27 at 9 " " 2/3

It was a windy night (the latter part at least) with rain, hail and snow, and this morning the hail & snow is an inch deep or more, and the storm continues.

Hail or snow fell at times through the day. The quantity on the ground at night was 2 or 3 inches. Violent wind in the forenoon, and strong wind P.M. from N.N.E & N. Probably much more snow on the Hills & a great storm at sea.

Saturday 18 Therm. at sunrise 19. at 1 P.M. 22 in wind " " " " 24 out of do at 9 " " 13.

Sleighs ran briskly to-day and but few wagons seen.

The snow in the Hill Towns is about 5 or 6 inches and much drifted.

18 Mostly cloudy Wind N.W. brisk & cold, & unpleasant.

The late storm like other from the N.E. commenced at Philadelphia several hours before it did here. It was severe at Washington.

December 1841.

Sunday 19 Thermom. at sunrise 9 at 1 PM 26 at 9 " " 26	Mr. Wiley A.M. A magent of the Home Missionary Society P.M.	19 Some sunshine but mostly cloudy. Wind some N.W. but mostly S.W.
Monday 20 Thermom. at sunrise 22 at 1 p.m. 29 at 9 " " 21	Paid E. Turner 2.50 for Evangelist for 1841 — and ordered it to be discontinued at end of the year.	20 Clear in morning. but mostly Cloudy through the day. Wind mostly W. Began to Snow at 9 Evng.
Tuesday 21 Thermom. at sunrise 18 at 1 P.M. 22 at 9 " " 6.	About 1½ inches of snow fell last night and this morning. Sleighing is now pretty good, and many are improving it. The North River closed with ice as far down as Catskill, on Sunday. The Connecticut was closed about the same time.	21 and was snowing in the morning very gently. Ceased snowing at 9. Cloudy till noon and after. Clear towards night. Wind N.N.E.
Wednesday 22 Thermom. at sunrise 6 below 0. at 1 P.M. 14 above 0. at 9 " " at 0 " "	2° below 0 at Albany. Some Thermometers here were only 2 or 3 below 0.	22 Clear — hardly a cloud. Pleasant but air keen & cold. Wind N.
Thursday 23 Thermom. at sunrise 5 at 1 P.M. 18. at 9 " " 24	I finished a letter to brother Matthews, who continues at Abingdon, Virginia. There has been no thawing now for a week.	23. Cloudy Wind N.E. Wind changed in the night, and it rained most of the night. The
Friday 24 Thermom at sunrise 44 at 1 P.M. 36 at 9 " " 26		24. Thermom. rose 20 degrees Wind Southerly or S.W. Cleared off at 8½. Clear & N.W. wind till night.
Saturday 25 Therm. at sunrise 27 at 1 PM 32 at 9 " " 16	The snow which was off yesterday, is again frozen hard, and many sleighs are moving, though the sleighing is not good. The snow was so hard that the rain did not carry it off.	25. Mostly cloudy Wind N.W. and N.N.W.
Sunday 26 Thermom. at sunrise [illegible] at 1 P.M. 20 at 9 " " 13	Mr Wiley preached A.M. & P.M. People came in sleighs.	26 Clear — cold — pleasant Wind N.N.E & N.E.
Monday 27 Thermom at Sunrise 8 at 1 P.M. 29 at 9 " " 21	Mr. Adams, who has settled out near the Silk Factory, so called, is an Englishman & has been a missionary (Unitarian) in India and a professor in Harvard College. He and some other nonresistants have purchased lands in about Broughton's meadow.	27 Clear in morning but mostly Cloudy through the day Wind S.W. — S.E. and some S.
Tuesday 28 Thermom. at sunrise 24 at 1 P.M. 36 at 9 " " 19	Mr Adam gave an address in the Town Hall this evening, against the British war in China, & in refutation of J. Q. Adams reasons for justifying this war.	28 Cloudy Much Snow fell in the forenoon. Wind W. — S.W. — and S.

December 1841.

Wednesday 29
Thermom.
At sunrise 22
At 1 P.M. 40
At 9 " " 24

I walked out to Westhampton P.M. to see Asahel Gouch. The land which he mortgaged to my father in 1823 and of which I took possession in 1838, is now mine, if I choose to claim it. I want the money, however, & not the land.

29 Cloudy. Wind S.W. and S.

Thursday 30
Thermom.
At sunrise 19
At 1 P.M. 34
At 9 " " 27

I went from Orentkingsley's to Doct. Hooker's, and tarried with them over night. Brother Hooker continues his bad habit of drinking.
In the morning (of 30th) I walked down to Brother Parson's and rode in with him. The sleighing is good in Westhampton.

30. Cloudy. Wind N.E. and E. and some S.W. It snowed gently most of the afternoon and evening.

Brother Hooker paid me 50 dollars to day for Jesse Lyman, and I gave receipt & indorsed it on J. Lyman's note dated May 26 1841. I paid H. T. Hooker 5 dollars (included in the 50th) for 7¼ bushels of winter apples had last fall.

Fair. The ladies ("upper crust") had a fair about Thanksgiving time; and this evening there was a fair of the working ladies, in the Town Hall — much was done for articles to sell, and great decorations of evergreens, &c. and a multitude of people attended. I never yet stepped into the room where one of these Ladies Fairs was held in Northampton; they are "Vanity Fairs" to me.

Friday 31
Thermom.
At sunrise 26
At 1 P.M. 41
At 9 " " 28

Western Rail Road. This was opened to Albany last week; on Monday of this week the Boston City authorities visited Albany, with many others, and the Albanians returned the visit on Wednesday. The distance, 200 miles, is gone over exclusive of stoppages, in about 10 hours.

31. Snow fell yesterday & last evening about 2 inches deep — very light. Wind W.N.W. & W. and some S.W. ½ cloudy ½ clear. Some thawing.

December has been less cold than it usually is — but a good deal of unpleasant weather.

Mean Temperature here in December.

At sunrise	$24\frac{10}{31}$	Average $28\frac{49}{93}$.
At 1 P.M.	$34\frac{23}{31}$	
At 9 " "	$26\frac{16}{31}$	

Hottest day in 1841 at Cambridge was July 15. Ther up to 93°.

January 1842

Saturday 1 Thermometer At sunrise 14 At 1 P.M. 26 At 9 " " 35	The new year commences with pretty good sleighing though the snow is thin. It is solid and icy at the bottom. I paid a quarter's postage at the post-office 3.72. It includes the box, & one newspaper to April 1; and Hall's postage 80 cts which he has paid to me. Sarah Hall (daughter of Brother Hall) came this evening — she is returning from Maryland to Greenfield. Wrote to C. Parkman.	1st. Cloudy Wind S.W. and S.	
Sunday 2 Thermom. at Sunrise 33 at 1 P.M. 42 at 9 " " 28	The crows are noisy this morning. I have heard them almost every day in december. Mr. Wiley A.M. A stranger P.M.	2 Clear Wind S.W. & S.S.W. Considerable thawing.	
Monday 3 Thermom. At sunrise 4 at 1 P.M. 15 at 9 " " 8	Henry Hooker (son of Col. Wm Hooker) came from Hartford in the afternoon, and he and Sarah Hall started for Greenfield in the night. The Brown Girls were here in the evening.	3 Great change since yesterday. Clear. Bright Sunshine but very cold. Wind W.N.W.	
Tuesday 4 Thermom. At sunrise 12 At 1 P.M. 32 At 9 " " 19	This evening Mr. Adams delivered his 2d address on the Chinese war. Though a native of Gt Britain, he was very severe upon the British government, and the trading people of England and English India. The British deserve all his censure; but the Chinese do not merit the sympathy he would excite for them; so I think.	4. Snowed some in the night; & snows this morning. Ceased at 9. About 2 inches fell. Cloudy till noon. Afternoon half clear. Wind N.E. most of day.	
Wednesday 5 Thermometer At sunrise 12 At 1 P.M. 22 At 9 " " 4	Wrote to J. W. and Apphia, N. York.	5 1/2 clear 1/2 cloudy Wind N.E.	
Thursday 6 Thermom. At sunrise 11 below 0 At 9 A.M. at 0. At 1 P.M. 17 above 0 At 9 " " 12 " "	The smokes this morning showed the wind to be S.W. but the vane pointed to the N.E. These counter currents are not uncommon. In such cases the lower current yields to the upper. At 8 o'clock smoke & vane showed the wind to be N.E.	6 1/3 clear 2/3 Cloudy Wind N.E. in forenoon " N.E. E. and S.E in afternoon. Began to snow in evening	
Friday 7 Thermom. At sunrise 37 At 1 P.M. 46 At 9 " " 34	The change in 24 hours is 48 degrees. The eaves run this morning. The Crows are quite noisy. Wrote to son Sylvester.	7. Snow fell 2 or 2 1/2 inches deep last night. Cloudy day, and Thawy. Wind S.S.W. & A.M. do W.N.W. — P.M.	
Saturday 8. Thermom. At sunrise 8 At 1 P.M. 31 At 9 " " 23	Son Hall united with the Edwards Church some years ago but having changed his opinions on several religious points, he was not worshipped nor communed with them for a long time. This evening he was excommunicated from that church with only one dissentient vote — Lyman Parsons. Hall is a nonresistant, & holds many opinions deemed heretical.	8 Fair and pleasant in forenoon. Cloudy P.M. Wind N.E. and E. Good Sleighing.	

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Sunday 9 Thermometer At sunrise 27 At 1 P.M. 44 At 9 " " 29	Mr Wiley A.M. Mr Mitchel, P.M.	9. ¼ inch of snow fell last night. Mostly Clear. Wind S.W. — A.M. do N.W. — P.M.
	A thawy day. The wind changed from S.W. to N.W. without any interlude of cold. The thawing continued with the wind N.W. It was the same on Friday the 7th.	
Monday 10 Thermom. At sunrise 30 At 1 P.M. 40 At 9 " " 24	We had snow from S.W. & S. to day — a rare occurrence — only ½ or ¾ of an inch. The day was thawy. It cleared off in the evening, and fog came on.	10. Cloudy. Wind S.W. forenoon Wind S. — S.E. & E. — p.m. Snowed a little by turns from S.W. & S. &c. About ½ inch of snow fell.
Tuesday 11 Thermom. At sunrise 22 At 1 P.M. 28 At 9 " " 20	Wrote to Rev. Marvin Rect. E. Windsor. Wrote for Martin Sheldon of Suffield some statement, about his ancestors An abolition address by Dr Cumming in the Town Hall in the Evening.	11. Mostly cloudy. Some fog. Partly clear towards night. Trees white with frost. Wind E. and a little S. or N. of E. Some S.E.
Wednesday 12 Thermom. At sunrise 26 At 1 P.M. 33 At 9 " " 28	Paid today my acct at E. Powers $12.28. " " " " at E. Turner's 1.54. " E. Turner for Evangelist for 1842 2.00. Wrote a letter to Erastus Lyman of Goshen, Connecticut, in reply to his of Dec. 22. respecting the Lymans.	12 Cloudy mostly. Wind N.E. — W. — but mostly N.W.
Thursday 13 Thermom. At sunrise 3. At 1 P.M. 7 At 6 " " 0 At 9 " " 4 below 0	Wrote a letter to Arethusa, at Andover. Open Kingsley's mailes. I received last year a dividend of 7 per cent on his debt. (see April 9. 1841). I received to day the last dividend on his debt 48½ per cent, or 358.92. I indorsed this on the several notes, viz	13. Clear, bright day. No clouds. Wind N.N.E. & N.E. Coldest day this winter Average 2° above 0.

On his note to me dated May 6. 1837	$49.90	(last Feb. int 7.20)
On " " to me " March 22. 1839	50.80	(" " " 7.33)
On his note to me payable May 1. 1837. W. Hooker & Samuel Edwards Jr sureties	49.30	(" " " 7.12)
On his note to me payable May 1. 1838 W. Hooker & Samuel Edwards Jr sureties	208.92	(" " " 30.15)
	358.92	(" " 51.80

I shall lose the remainder of the two first notes — viz on the note dated May 6. 1837 ..... 45.78
on the note dated March 22, 1839 ..... 46.62
and what interest has accrued since Aug. 5. 1840.

(Dr. Hooker & Samuel Edwards Jr will lose on the remaining two notes, viz
on the note due May 1. 1837 — 45.24
on the note due May 1. 1838 — 191.68
and all the interest since Aug. 5. 1840. viz 236.92
on one note to Jan 13. 1842 — 8.39
on the other to " " " — 35.57 all 280.87.

I took up the note I gave to the Assignees May 4. 1841, as follows.

By my dividend above on 4 notes,	358.92	
By due on Note of Jesse Lyman, given May 26. 41	53.68	(50 paid on it Dec 30)
By Cash paid Jesse Lyman this day	4.00	
Amount of principal & Interest	416.60	

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Friday 14 — 14 Cloudy A.M. Partly clear P.M.

Thermometer
At sunrise 8
At 1 P.M. 40
At 9 " " 35

Wind S.W.—S.S.W. & S.

Saturday 15 This day I went to Boston by stage & rail road. My principal object was to find out how the ancient papers in State house were formed into volumes — the manner in which the book binder had put them together. I put up with Mr Henshaw at No 1. Bartlett Place, where Chauncey Clark and his wife boarded. I bought goods for my self and family. I came home on Wednesday January 26.

My expenses were.

Stage & rail road down.	3.80
" " " up	3.80
Hack to & from depot	" 50
To see Orang outang	" 25
Papers	5
1½ week's board at 3.	4.50
	12.90

Took with me $83.00.

Paid out	12.90
" "	5.50
" "	41.75
brought home	22.85
	$83.00

Unbleached Cotton (Merrimack). piece weighed no over 8½ lbs. wis 32½ yards. So cost about 36 cents a pound. 39 inches wide poorer than last year & last year was poorer than the year before. the quality deteriorates as fast as the price falls

Paid for Halls papers — 3.50 — unpaid — for Emancipator 1 yr to March next 2.00
5.50

Paid for Goods.

32½ yds unbleached Cotton @ 9½ cts	3.	09
10 " bleached do — @ 12.	1.	20
10 " " do — @ 12½	1.	25
200 skins white thread		22
100 " colored do		8
2 bunches white do		6
8 spools @ — do @ 6¼		50
8 do colored do @ 2.		16
2 doz pearl buttons		14
3 " do do		13
1 pair blk worsted Stockings		92
3 " cotton do. 20. 26. 31		71
1½ lbs mix wooln yarn @ 1.06	1.	59
½ " white " " @ 1.00	1	50
2 yards muslin de laine		50
4 papers Needles		12
2 tooth brushes		14
2 combs		10
3 yards crash @ 6		25
1 " finer towelling		13
1 ps galloon 30 ½ oz. Silk 33		63
1 paper pins 8 1 ps braid 6		14
1½ yds white linen	1.	00
2 " brown do		42
4 pairs Shoes 63. 75. 83. 94	3.	15
3 neck Hkfs for me 28. 36. 36	1.	00
1 linen Hkf	"	35
2½ yards cotton @ 18½	"	46
3¼ yds broadcloth @ 2.81	9.	13.
New Handle to umbrella		25
Second hand hat	1.	00
do do Algebra	0.	75
do do goatskin wrapper	5.	00
20 lbs sugar @ 6¼ 10 lbs do 5	1.	75
10 " do @ 7 2 " Raisins 16	"	86
4 lbs Sal Eratus 25 ½ lb Cassia 17		42
45 lbs Boston hard @ 7½ cents	3.	37.
freight of do to depot		25
Almanac		3
	41.	75

Freight of hard cost 37½ cts from Boston to N.H. besides 25 in Boston —

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When I went to Boston, there was no sleighing on the east side of the river, & not much snow any where east and none about Boston, yet it was pretty good sleighing on west side of river. When I returned there was less snow on both sides of the river, but most on the west side; no sleighing in Northampton. The hills east of this valley were almost bare, but those on the west side mostly covered with snow. It is evident that less snow falls on the east side of the river than on the west side.

The winter has been so mild that the Connecticut remains open in many places, and it is not safe crossing at Hockanum. The stage to the Rail Road goes round by Hadley, and has for several weeks. The streets in Boston are dry & dusty on cold days; some warm days last week they were quite muddy.

Thermometer at Northampton in my absence

	Sunrise.	1 PM.	9 PM.	Wind	
Saturday 15	32.	36.	21	W. and W.N.W.	Mostly clear
Sunday 16	14	25	16	N.E. – E – S.W	do – "
Monday 17	19	37	33	S and S.S.W.	mostly cloudy
Tuesday 18	22.	43	31	S and S.S.E	Clear
Wednesday 19	22	45	35	S – S.S.W. – S.S.E.	Clear mostly
Thursday 20	29.	43	40	W. and W.N.W	foggy A.M. clear P.M.
Friday 21	41	46	32	S – S.S.W – S.W – W	fogg A.M. Cloudy P.M.
Saturday 22	25	28.	14	W. and W.N.W.	mostly clear
Sunday 23	6	16	7	W.N.W.	clear & cold
Monday 24	below 0, 2	16	7	N.N.E – N.E – S.E – S	do do
Tuesday 25	18	37	26	S and S.S.W.	mostly clear
Wednesday 26	21	40	32	S. and S.S.W.	some hazy – mostly clear.

Thursday 27. The cold on Monday last was quite as severe in Boston as here – the therm. there was 2° below 0. at sunrise. A Pewee was heard here last week and I heard one to-day, or a bird that says pee-wee. The same kind of bird was heard about this time in January 1841.

Therm. at sunrise 30, at 1 PM 28, at 9 " " 19

27 Snowed in the morning ½ inch. Cloudy till noon. Clear P.M. Wind mostly W.N.W. but in morning was N.

Friday 28 Some of the northern rivers are wholly or partially open; and I noticed on the way from Boston that the smaller streams were open in many places.

Therm. at sunrise 16, at 1 PM 33, at 9 PM 29

28 Clear – Wind S – S.S.E. and S.E.

Saturday 29

Therm. at sunrise 36, at 1 P.M. 48., at 9 " " 33

29 mostly cloudy, but sun not entirely obscured. Clouds thin. Wind S.S.E. all day. Much thawing.

Sunday 30 I had a cold – staid at home. The wind changed last night or early this morning from S.S.E. to W.N.W. yet the warm weather and thawing continued.

Therm. at sunrise 44, at 1 P.M. 45, at 9 " " 34

30 Clear & bright. Strong wind from W. and W.N.W. & much thawing

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Monday 31 — Thermom. at sunrise 30, at 1 PM 43, at 9 " " 42

The hard, dull times continue. The failure of banks in N. York, Pennsylvania, Ohio & other states, the general distrust, the fear in regard to the future, — these and other things have much diminished the amount of bills in circulation.

31. Wind S.S.W. Cloudy — A.M. Rainy — P.M.

Riches have long been "taking to themselves wings & flying away". The losses by the U.S. Bank and other banks, by fancy stocks, state stocks, & other stocks, & in other ways, have been immense; and there is yet a "fearful looking" as to the future. These severe trials will work out some good for the country, it is hoped.

There is ~~some~~ dissatisfaction with Mr. Mitchel in the Edwards Church, and ~~some~~ meetings to day & evening on the subject.

January has been an open, mild month; most people think it has been unusually moderate; yet the thermometer shows that it was 3 degrees colder than last year.

Thermometer in Northampton for January:

At sunrise	20° 11/31	Average 25° 28/31.
At 1 PM.	33 8/31	
At 9 " "	24 2/31	

The thermometer was kept in a warmer place part of the time last year, than this winter — so the difference is not quite so great as it appears — perhaps 2 degrees instead of 3.

At Portsmouth, N.H. January 1842 was 2 degrees colder than Jany 1841.

At Utica N.Y. the mean temperature of January 1842 was

at sunrise	23°	Lowest temperature at sunrise		3° below 0
at noon	30 1/4	highest do	"	43 above 0
at 3 P.M.	32 1/8	Lowest do — at 3 P.M.		7 above 0
		highest do — at " "		50 " "

At Boston January averaged 30.63 — hours of observation not given. The following Januaries were ~~warmer~~ than that of 1842 at Boston, viz. 1841 was 31.77; 1838 was 32.28; 1833, 31.16; 1829, 31.09; 1824, 30.30; 1819 " 32.14

January in Boston (according to Boston Almanac) averaged 26 3/4° at 7 AM and 36 3/4 at 2 P.M. Stormy in Boston when it was here.

At Cambridge — at sunrise 22.6 — at 3 PM. 33.6: at 9 P.M. 27.1
The coldest mornings this winter at Cambridge were Jan. 6 & 24
Thermom. 4° below 0. both mornings.

A newspaper says mild, open winters have occurred every 26th year for 150 years past — viz winters of 1841-2 — 1816 — 1790 — 1764 — 1738 — 1712 — 1686

I place little or no confidence in this statement.

February 1842.

Tuesday 1. Thermometer At sunrise 32 At 1 P.M. 35 At 9 " " 28	The month has begun with muddy roads (but the mud is not deep) & an appearance of spring. There are large spots of ice remaining, but no snow. Heard the bird again which I have called peewee — am not certain that this is the peewee of spring, though the notes are very similar. Wrote letters to some that owed me.	1. Clear with flying clouds Wind N.W. and blustering. Some thawing.
Wednesday 2 Thermom. At sunrise 20 At 1 P.M. 45 At 9 " " 39	Wrote to Erastus Smith Esq. Hartford. Hall is complaining of new disorders. My heart complaint has been for some weeks more troublesome than usual. Wife more disordered than common. We sent a package of letters to J.W. and Apphia yesterday by Edward Dewey.	2 Clear. Wind S. Still thawy.
Thursday 3 Thermom. At sunrise 40 At 1 P.M. 54 At 9 " " 50	The frost is coming out of the ground. I weighed 163 pounds.	3. Rained gently most of the day. Wind S.S.W. & S. Spring-like day.
Friday 4 Thermom. At sunrise 52 At 1 P.M. 55 At 9 " " 44	Another spring day. The bees are out quite thick. Travelling is getting to be very bad. Horses break through the frost in many places. Stages are delayed. The Telegraph stage is 16 or 17 hours coming from Hartford to this place. Doct. Walker in to see Hall — gave him some Homœopathic medicine.	4 Rained in the night. Partly clear after 9. and till near night. Wind N — N.E. and E.
Saturday 5. Thermom. At sunrise 44 At 1 P.M. 43 At 9 " " 32	Rainbow in N.W. about 9 o'clock this morning — There is a flood on the meadows, though not so high as that for three winters past. The ice on the Connecticut broke up & went off yesterday, or the night before. Doct. Walker hope again to see Hall.	5 Rained in the night, Cloudy this morning. Cleared off after 10. with high wind from W.N.W. — continued clear with flying clouds till night.
Sunday 6 Thermom. At sunrise 27 At 1 P.M. 45 At 9 " " 38	Mr Wiley preached A.M. & P.M. P.S. Great flood in the Mohawk Genesee &c. Feb 5. and much damage done.	6 Mostly clear. Wind S.S.W. & S. and brisk. More thawing.
Monday 7 Thermom. at sunrise 34 at 1 P.M. 41 at 9 " " 34	A peewee, and a species of Woodpecker (largest kind with red head) heard this morning — Hockanum ferry crossed by the Horse boat. Letter from Johnson & Goodman, Hartford. Wrote to them and to J.W. Doct. W. here 3 time.	7 Cloudy A.M. Rainy P.M. Wind S.W. A.M. do S.S.W. & S. P.M.
Tuesday 8 Thermom. at sunrise 32 at 1 P.M. 38 at 9 " " 17	The hills around have a little snow on them this morning, and there is a sprinkling of snow here. Not much anywhere. Several snow squalls P.M. Steamboats are moving from Springfield to Hartford, from Hartford to New York, from New York to Albany, &c.	8 Some sunshine but mostly Cloudy Wind W. & S.W. and brisk.

February 1842

Wednesday 9 Thermom. at sunrise 5 at 1 P.M. 19 at 9 " " 22	Cold weather has come again, after a fortnight of warm, thawy weather. Some people think there never was so much mild weather in winter, but they are mistaken. Mrs. Williams, widow of Rev. Solo. Williams buried to-day. She died on Monday.	9 Clear till towards night — then Cloudy. Wind N.W. some but mostly W. till near night, then S.
Thursday 10 Thermom. at sunrise 22 at 1 P.M. 40 at 9 " " 25	Hall worse today. Dr. Walker here twice. I began to watch with Hall. Sparrows and frogs have been heard in New Jersey — Some ploughing done there.	10 Clear & pleasant. Wind S. & S.S.E. It thawed some.
Friday 11 Thermom. At sunrise 18 At 1 PM 46 at 9 " " 39	Dr. Walker here at 5 o'clock this morning, & several times afterwards. Letter from Johnson & Goodman & Jason Sage; wrote to J & G. and to son J.W. Also to E. Monroe W. night. Sister Lyman here.	11 Clear & pleasant Wind N.E — E — S.E and S. Thawy
Saturday 12 Thermom. At sunrise 40 At 1 P.M. 53 in the wind 50 at 9 P.M 28	In the morning the Vane was pointed Southerly, but the clouds showed the wind to be Northerly in the higher region. Before 11 the vane was northerly. The upper current prevailed. Doct. Walker here 3 times	12 Cloudy at first mostly Clear at 11. Wind at first S.E. do after 11. N.W. Spring like day
Sunday 13 Thermom. At sunrise 24 At 1 P.M. 36 At 9 " " 33	I did not go to meeting. Doct. Walker here 3 times.	13 Cloudy all day Wind N.E — E — S.E. and S.W.
Monday 14 Thermom. At sunrise 34 At 1 P.M. 43 At 9 " " 18	Doct. Walker here 3 times.	14. Fair with many flying clouds. Wind S.W. — next W.N.W till noon, & till night but some N.W. windy day, and high wind at night.
Tuesday 15 Thermom. At sunrise 6 At 1 P.M. 18 in wind At 1 " " 21 out of do At 9 " " 15	Doct. Walker here 3 times The travelling is very rough, since the mud has frozen.	15 Clear — no clouds. Wind N.N.W — A.M. do W.N.W. — P.M. & windy, cold day.
Wednesday 16 Thermom. At sunrise 25 At 1 P.M. 36 At 9 " " 42	About 3/4 of an inch of Snow fell this forenoon. The rain in the afternoon carried it off. There was a high wind with the rain. It cleared off partly between 12 and 1, and the wind changed from S.E to W. or thereabouts, and became still more violent. It made the house shake, & continued till morning & after — After the rain ceased it snowed 1/2 or 3/4 of an inch which was blown about. Doct. Walker here twice.	16. Cloudy. Began to Snow from S.E. at 9. Began to rain at 1 1/2 & ceased about midnight. Wind S.E till towards night, then E.S.E. Showed some in the night. Snow fell 2 or 3 feet in the interior of Pennsylvania.

February 1842

Thursday 17 Thermom. At sunrise 16 At 1 P.M. 16 At sundown 16 At 9 P.M. 16 At 12 midnt. 16	A cold windy day — most uncomfortable. — Hills around are white. Mr Doolittle the Baptist minister was buried to-day — funeral at the Baptist meeting house. The thermometer varied but a little for 24 hours. — Dr Walker here three times		17 Cloudy — clouds white thin & cold-looking. Partly Clear P.M. — Wind W. and some W.N.W. & very strong, it fell in the night, having blown with some violence 30 hours or more.
Friday 18 Thermom. At sunrise 16 At 1 P.M. 30 At 9 " " 38	Trimmings for a Coat. —	3/4 yd padding 30c. 2 yds black Cotton for sleeve linings & pockets 3/4. 25 3/4 " Duck 19 3/4 " brahmin 6 4 skeins silk 12 6 " Thread 10 81. $1.37 cents. 3/8 yd Silk Bib (and arms) 8 1 Twist 6 14 large buttons 14 4 small do 3 56	18 White, thin clouds which look snowy — Wind S. all day
	Doct Walker here twice		
Saturday 19 Thermom. at sunrise 48 at 1 P.M. 39 at 9 " " 21	It began to rain in the night — perhaps about midnight, with a high wind from S.S.W. and continued till morning, and till about 9 A.M. It rained most powerfully some hours, and Mill River & the smaller streams rose rapidly. — Wrote to Hopkins.		19 Rainy till 9. Cloudy till near 12 Mostly Clear P.M. Wind S.S.W. till near noon, and very strong so long as the rain fell. In the afternoon the wind was W.N.W. and by turns high.
	Doct Walker here twice.		
Sunday 20 Thermom. at sunrise 13 at 1 P.M. 26 at 9 " " 19	I staid at home, to take care of Hall. After some stormy, windy days, we have to-day a fine day, and not a cloud to be seen. Fine blue sky. Pretty cold, however.		20. Clear & pleasant. Wind W.N.W.
	Doct Walker here twice.		
Monday 21 Thermom. at sunrise 11 at 1 P.M. 31 at 9 " " 18.	The upper current does not always prevail. This morning the vane pointed to the S. but the smokes of the chimnies showed the wind to be W.N.W. About 9 the vane agreed with this lower current. — White frost in the morning — Doct W. here once.		21 Clear & pleasant. Wind at first S. at 9 W.N.W.
Tuesday 22 Thermom. at sunrise 10 at 1 P.M. 35 at 9 " " 23	A great gathering here of the Washington Temperance men, or Teetotallers, and others. A procession, address, dinner, &c. The village seemed to be full of people, and the day was pleasant.		22 Clear. White frost. Half cloudy P.M. Wind N. & N.N.E. till noon; and in the afternoon S. & S.S.E.
	Doct Walker here once.		
Wednesday 23 Thermom. At sunrise 16 At 1 P.M. 36 At 9 " " 29	This is the fourth pleasant day, and the fourth morning with white frost. Doct. Walker here once.		23 Clear. White frost. Very pleasant to-day. Wind N.W. & W.N.W. A.M. do S.W — P.M.
	The streets in the village are almost dry on the surface, and travelling not very bad. Indeed, it is good wheeling to Easthampton Southampton, &c. & the roads seem to be settled.		

February 1842

Thursday 24 Thermom. at sunrise 30 at 1 P.M. 44 at 9 " " 29	A delightful day — like May. Within a week or two, some people have ploughed in Western New York, and in New Jersey. The mildness of the winter is noticed in many of the states. Meeting of a few in the Town Hall in the Evening, relating to Slavery. Mr Childs got up the meeting. Dr. Walker here once	24 Clear & pleasant Wind S.E. — A.M. do N.W. & W.N.W. P.M.
Friday 25 Thermom. at sunrise 20 at 1 P.M. 40 at 9 " " 27	The morning was clear except haze in the W. and S.W. This haze gradually increased — was thin & light colored. Sky was grey. Sunshone till 1 P.M. after that it was mostly cloudy till about sunset, then clear, except in S.W. At midnight cloudy. Dr. Walker here once. I settled accounts with Elisha Graves. Paid him 47 cents for balance due him.	25 Fair with some haze in the forenoon. Cloudy mostly P.M. Wind N.N.E. — A.M. do S.E. & E.S.E. P.M.
Saturday 26 Thermom. at sunrise 27 at 1 PM 32 at 9 " " 29	About 2 inches of snow & hail (mostly hail) fell before evening. Dr. Walker here once The prices of some things are very low — pork was never lower — owing to the great quantity from the Western states. It sells in Boston &c. at from 5 to 10 dollars a barrel, and lard from 5 to 6½ cents per lb. Northern pork & lard is a little higher.	26 Cloudy Snow & hail fell moderately most of the day. Wind E.N.E. — A.M. do N.N.E. — P.M. No snow or hail fell in the night.
Sunday 27 Thermom. at sunrise 28 at 1 P.M. 46 at 9 " " 37	I did not go to meeting. Snow fell about an inch and a half in the forenoon, mostly from the W.S.W. making with that of yesterday 3 inches or more. Sleighs again out. Dr. Walker here once	27 Cloudy Snow fell moderately from 8½ to 12. Cleared off after 12. Warm & pleasant P.M. Wind N.N.E. & W.S.W. A.M. " E.S.E. & W.N.W. P.M.
Monday 28 Thermom. at sunrise 32 at 1 P.M. 42 at 9 " " 29	It thawed a good deal, and the sleighing was almost spoiled. Dr. Walker here twice. Hall worse.	28. Mostly Clear after 9 Warm & pleasant day. Wind N.N.E. and some N.E.

February has been a remarkably mild month — no sleighing except a little two last days. The ground has been bare almost all the month. Warmest February for 40 years was 1828; this is next to that, being a little warmer than 1840. (See 1840.)

Thermometer for February here

At Sunrise — 25. $\frac{22}{28}$ } Average 30. $\frac{82}{84}$
At 1 P.M. 37 $\frac{25}{28}$ } or, say 31 degrees.
At 9 " " 29 7/28.

W. d. of Greenfield says January & part of February 1819 were more mild than those months in 1842. Many days people could sit with windows open, & Col. Ashley of Deerfield ploughed land in Jan. or February 1819. Wild Geese passed over, grasshoppers in seed, grain was sown, &c.

February 1842

Wed. in the Greenfield Gazette, says grain was sown in the winter of 1802. In Feb. 1842 poplars put forth blossoms near an inch in length near Greenfield.

The North River has been closed some days past between Hudson and Albany.

February in Boston averaged 31⅓ at 7 AM & 40⅓ at 2 P.M.
Stormy in Boston same days as here, but more rain & less snow in Boston than here

February in Cambridge – at sunrise 26.5; at 3 PM. 39. at 9 PM. 30.9.

March 1842

Tuesday 1 Thermom. at sunrise 29 at 1 P.M. 44 at 9 " " 40	March comes in with a little snow which is fast disappearing – I have not seen nor heard any proper Spring bird. The buds of lilacs, elms, honeysuckle and others have been swelled by the warm weather of February, but no more than I have seen before at this time of the year. Dot. Walker here 3 times.	1 ½ cloudy A.M. ⅔ cloudy P.M. Wind S.S.E and some S. Thawy.	
Wednesday 2 Thermom. at sunrise 37 at 1 P.M. 44 at 9 " " 40	Some rain last night – rather a dark day, owing to the fog. Dot. Walker here twice. It cleared off in the night, & yet grew warmer before morning.	2 Cloudy & foggy all day. Rained some P.M. Wind S.S.E. and some S.W.	
Thursday 3 Thermom. at sunrise 44 At 1 P.M. 60 At 9 " " 47	Birds. I heard & saw two or three blue-birds this morning – also a ground bird, or one with a song like that bird – Robins have been heard, it is said but not by me. Dot. Walker here twice.	3 Mostly clear – though many thin clouds. A lovely day. Wind some S. mostly S.W.	

Asahel Couch here. The land he mortgaged to my father in 1823, & which he gave me possession of, 1838, has come into my hands. There was due from him May 7 1837, 146.38. The interest from that time to Jan. 1. 1842 (4 years, 7 mo 23 days) has been paid, viz 2 years here before; and 2 years 7 mo. 23 days to day or 23. 2mo to-day. So there was due Jan. 1. 1842. 146.38. I gave him a writing that if he paid me that sum and the interest before Jan. 1. 1843, I would give him up the land, & give him a deed of the same. He paid me to day (besides the 23. 2mo of interest) 26.73 towards the 146.38, & I gave him a writing for it. So there is now due only 119.65 & interest since Jan. 1. 1842 on 146.38. He uses the land this year, and is to pay taxes & interest, & not cut timber except for fencing the land.

This has been a delightful day. The blue birds were musical all day; and the boys were playing ball. The roads and sidewalks are again becoming dry, though there is much mud. Buds are swelling. – Some of the trumpet honeysuckle near the house show small leaves.

March 1842

Friday 4
Thermom.
at sunrise 41
at 1 P.M. 72
at 7 " " 62
at 9 " " 57

The birds are very noisy this morning, viz. blue birds, robins, blackbirds, peewees, ground birds, brown woodpeckers, & some others. I presume robins & blackbirds were about yesterday.
I heard, I think, a lark today.
Paid Mr Shepard milk bill since Dec. $4.00 for 100 quarts. The new account begins tomorrow.

4. Fair with thin clouds in the forenoon. Half cloudy P.M. Wind mostly S.W. some S.

Pension day. Many of the old soldiers were out, but their number is fast diminishing. They are all very old, & their eyes are dim, & their steps totter. A few are still active and in good spirits.

A most remarkable day for March, this has been a summer day. There has been no such day in March since I have kept a thermometer. Fire was hardly needed in the afternoon & evening. Buds are swelling fast, and grass grows, in warm places.
Doct. Walker here twice.

Saturday 5
Thermom.
at sunrise 51
at 1 P.M. 46
at 9 " " 37

It began to rain at 4½ with wind S.E. but about sunrise rain came from N.N.E. & it grew colder.
I am preparing to go to Hartford — intend to go on Monday if I can leave Hall. Hall has been on his back over three weeks. I have set up with him the whole of 8 or 9 nights, and about half of each of the other nights.
Paid my postage bill including Hall's since January 1. — 3.83

5 Rainy most of A.M. Cloudy P.M. no rain. Wind all day N.N.E. & some N.

Sunday 6
Thermom.
at sunrise 32
at 1 P.M. 37
at 9 " " 34

I did not go to meeting.
I wrote a letter to J. Walker about Hall and other things.
In the night wrote to Laban Mercy (his note is 21.66, dated March 30, 1836) wrote to P. & G. L. Smith (their note is 140.58, dated Feb 21. 1840) Enclosed these notes in a letter to Isaac Clark. [P.S. Mercy paid his note to Isaac Clark — 29.40]

6 Cloudy and some drizzle. Wind N.N.E. & N.E.

Monday 7 I started for Hartford — my business was to sort, arrange, & make into books the old papers of Connecticut Colony, which I had not finish last fall. I was employed by a committee appointed by the Legislature. I did not like to leave Hall so unwell but was under the necessity of completing 30 volumes more before the Legislature met, or soon after.

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I continued in Hartford until the 21st of May, and then returned by the steamboat to Springfield, & by stage to Northampton, and brought Albert with me.

My room was in the 3d story of the State House – a room occupied by the Natural History Society. There I remained about 10 weeks (I was absent almost 11 weeks) from sunrise till 9 o'clock at night, and had to stand up most of the time.

I put together last fall 30 volumes, of which 14 were bound; and 30 this spring, making 60 volumes; besides 4 volumes that did not require any labor to arrange them.

These 64 volumes were as follows: – as to their titles –

Ecclesiastical	11
Towns & Lands	8
War	9
Miscellaneous	2
Travel	1 (that is, highways, ferries, bridges.
Militia	5
Colonial Boundaries	2
Foreign Correspondence	2
Private Controversies	5
Crimes & Misdemeanors	4
Civil Offices &c	3
College & Schools	1
Indians	1
Currency & Finance	6
Journals this House	2
Industry	1 (that is, Agriculture, Manufactures, Fisheries, Mines –
Trade & Maritime affairs	1
	64

The expenses last Fall were as follows: –

Paper	43.99
Pasting 30 Vols.	31.25
Paste for do	0.75
Binding 17 Vols.	31.75
Ruling Index paper	0.37
Myself 25 days at 2 dl 44	50.00
" 52 " at 1.50	78.00
	236.11
	237.23
All Expenses	$473.34

Expenses this Spring –

Paper	33.79
Binding 47 Vols	92.75
Hutchinson's bill	1.00
Pasting 30 Vols	30.00
Paste for do	" 82
Ruling & trimming	1.62
Myself 30 Vols @ 2.50 by contract	75.00
Fuel	2.25
	237.23

My own expenses –

Mrs. Dunham 10 weeks 4½ days board at 2.50	$26.61
Co Washing	0.44
Papers (Tribune, New World &c for myself, Hall, &c)	1.65
Postage on letters & papers	2.16
Pins 2½c. Matches 4c. broke a lamp 29c. Contribution 5c. Soap 6c. Lesson bill 10c. Cash for J. Walker 19c. Crackers for way home 8c	1.05
Stage fare down	2.25
Boat & stage fare home, myself & Albert 1.50 .75	2.25
Shawl for wife	2.50
Sugar bought in Hartford 2.88. Rice 10c	2.88
	$41.79

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Money Matters—

I carried to Hartford (or had at starting)	29.00
I retained of Parkman's money —	50.00 (Indorsed on B's note
I retained of Hall's money —	1.25 (repaid
I received for my services —	75.00
	155.25

I paid for expenses $36.41 & for Goods $5.38 as in last page	41.79
I brought home	26.46
I left with Hopkins	87.00 see May 31. 1842
	155.25

The Thermometer in my absence was attended to by Peninnah chiefly—some by Hall. From its situation and the manner in which it was observed I infer that it made the weather warmer than it actually was—that is, the thermometer was a degree or more higher commonly than it would have been under my care

March 1842

	Sunrise	1 PM.	9 PM.		Weather in Hartford
Monday 7	32	41	34	cloudy	mostly cloudy
Tuesday 8	27	44	32	clear	clear & cool
Wednesday 9	37	46	40	cloudy & rain	cloudy. Rain in Evening. S
Thursday 10	36	61	42		Fair and warm
Friday 11	32	37	24	Snowy some.	cloudy. N. Eve clear
Saturday 12	14	29	20	clear	clear & cold — W. N.W.
Sunday 13	24	40	32	cloudy till 3	cloudy S. Eve clear
Monday 14	26	51	32	cloudy	Clear A.M. Cloudy P.M
Tuesday 15	32	50	36		Mostly clear
Wednesday 16	28	46	40		Fair N.W.—W
Thursday 17	37	57	36		Fair. hazy. smoke. warmer
Friday 18	36	50	38		Clear and Pleasant. NW—W
Saturday 19	30	63	60		Fair & smoky. warm — S
Sunday 20	58	60	44		Fair AM. Cloudy P.M. mild
Monday 21	24	50	37	Snow a little	Mostly cloudy. cool
Tuesday 22	33	36	26		Snowed by turns all day. Milder
Wednesday 23	20	35	33		Clear—cold. N
Thursday 24	11	45	36		Fair—hazy. cloudy. N.E—SE
Friday 25	31	36	33	Snow A.M. Thunder P.M	4 inches Snow in night. Thunder showers at 4½ & 7.
Saturday 26	33	53	37	cloudy	Cloudy. raw
Sunday 27	32	49	45	clear	Clear. cool
Monday 28	38	44	28		Windy—clear. cool. Snow gone
Tuesday 29	27	49	42		mostly clear
Wednesday 30	38	57	41	cloudy	Cloudy—some rain
Thursday 31	41	58	24	some hail	cloudy & cold.

Average of March at Northampton.

At sunrise 32 19/31
At 1 PM 47 7/31
At 9 " " 37 —
average 38.88/93 — almost 39°. Warmest March for many years except 1831.

March in Boston 36¾ at 7 AM.: 46¾ at 2 P.M.
do in Cambridge at sunrise 32.3: at 3 PM. 44.6: at 9 PM. 35.8.

April and May 1842

April	Sunrise.	1 PM.	9 PM.		Hartford Weather.
Friday 1	17	32.	32		Hard freezing. clear & cold
Saturday 2	35	58	58	hazy. S & S.W.	Hazy. Dim sunshine. warm
Sunday 3	59	60	49	Rainy. N.E.	Cloudy & smoky. warm. rain
Monday 4	37	42	37		Rainy N.E.
Tuesday 5	33	42	37	Rainy	Rainy N.E
Wednesday 6	35	60	49	Clear	clear AM. cloudy PM.
Thursday 7	45	62	44	Fast.	Rainy N.E
Friday 8	42	48.	37	cloudy. E.	Rainy
Saturday 9	37	46	37	cloudy. N.E.	Cloudy & cold
Sunday 10	38	57	46		clear. N
Monday 11	41	64	39.	clear W.	clear & warm
Tuesday 12	36	57	32+	clear	mostly cloudy. cool
Wednesday 13	26	52.	41	Cloudy. Rain at night	clear AM. Cloudy PM
Thursday 14	37	51	45	Rain A.M.	Rainy night & morning. Clear pm
Friday 15	35	61	43	Clear. Rain at night	Clear AM. Rain in Evening
Saturday 16	35	58	40.	clear. W	Clear & pleasant
Sunday 17	33	58	44	Clear AM. Cloudy PM	Clear AM. Cloudy P.M.
Monday 18	38	39	37	Rainy. N.E – S.E	Rainy. Cold. N.E
Tuesday 19	40	49	43	Rainy. N.E.	do do "
Wednesday 20	43	64	46	clear W & N.W.	cloudy AM. Clear P.M.
Thursday 21	33	65	51.	clear. W	clear and pleasant
Friday 22	41	79.	66	S – W – S.E.	do do. warm
Saturday 23	55	59	49	hazy. N.E	do do.
Sunday 24	32.	64	50.	hazy. Cloudy. N.E – S.E.	mostly Clear. cold
Monday 25	46	72	54	Thunder. Cloudy. Shower.	cloudy. warm
Tuesday 26	46	49	44	Thun. Shower. N.E. S.E	do. some rain
Wednesday 27	43	62	38	Pleasant	Clear. – Clouds. Little rain
Thursday 28	41	57	41.	Cloudy S.W – N.W.	mostly cloudy. cold
Friday 29	38	55	44	N.W.	clear & cool
Saturday 30	33	62	47.	S.W – W.	Frost. clear & pleasant
May					
Sunday 1	34	65	48.	Cloudy. Th Shower. S – W	hazy. Cloudy. Th. Shower at 6
Monday 2	44	57	48.	Clear. then cloudy. S.W	cloudy. Some rain.
Tuesday 3	44	55	45.	Cloudy. N.E. – E	cloudy. some rain.
Wednesday 4	45	49	42	Showery. N.E. – N.W.	cloudy some rain
Thursday 5	32	64	51	Great fog – N.W.	clear & pleasant – warm
Friday 6	41	72	53.	cloudy S.E. – S.W	do " " cool
Saturday 7	37	54	45	N.W.	do " "
Sunday 8	38.	63.	46.	cloudy. S.E – S.W –	White frost. cloudy. Rainy Evg.
Monday 9	43	55	40.	Rain. S. – N.W	½ cloudy – cold.
Tuesday 10	40.	53	44.	hazy. W. S.W	cloudy. some rain & thunder
Wednesday 11	39	74	59	Thunder Showers. S.W	Fair. Th Shower P.M. warm.
Thursday 12	46	61	46	hazy. W. N.W	Fair & cool
Friday 13	34	66.	51	N.W. S.W – E	Fair AM. cloudy PM
Saturday 14	42	60.	47	N.W.	Clear & cool
Sunday 15	38	65	48	Cloudy. N.E – S.E. S.W	clear AM. Cloudy PM.
Monday 16	34	71	58	N.E. SW	cold morng. mostly clear
Tuesday 17	44	76	62	S.	Clear
Wednesday 18	45	72	57	hazy. S.E – S	Clear. some smoke. warmer
Thursday 19	55	79	54	cloudy. S.W – N.E	clear, haze, clouds. shower P.M.
Friday 20	42	50	39.	Rainy. E. N.E	Rainy N.E.
Saturday 21	32	71	50	Fog. Frost. clear.	White frost. fog. clear
Sunday 22	45.	62	52	Cloudy. S.E – S – N.E.	
Monday 23	50	60	48	Cloudy. Clear towards night. N.E.	
Tuesday 24	41	74	51	Hazy. Cloudy towards night. Rain in Evening	
Wednesday 25	50	66	47	Clear – N.W.	
Thursday 26	42	72	50	hazy some – halo round the sun. W.	
Friday 27	48	54	52	Rainy – N.N.E. W.N.W.	
Saturday 28	46	72	52	Clear	
Sunday 29	48	62	53	Cloudy A.M. Rain P.M. N.N.W – S.E.	
Monday 30	50	56	53	Rainy. Clear towards night. N.N.E – N.W.	
Tuesday 31	42	70	50	Clear – W.N.W.	

Thermometer in April in N.H. [May is at end of month.

At Sunrise $38\frac{10}{30}$
At 1 P.M. $56\frac{4}{10}$
At 9 " " 44

} Average $46\frac{14}{90}$ } about the same as April 1839 not quite so warm as April 1840

At Cambridge Sunr. 38.2; 3 PM. 53; 9 PM. 42.2

April and May 1842

Vegetation — at Hartford (& Northampton after)

When I went to Hartford March 7, the sandy roads were pretty good — the clay roads about Hartford very bad — deep clay mud. Grass had started a little in Massachusetts, and a little more in Connecticut about Hartford. Buds of trees had swelled in Massachusetts, and more in Hartford.

March 18 No progress in vegetation at Hartford. Streets and roads all dry in every direction. Ground settled.

19 Frogs noisy. Streets dusty. Warm in middle of day.

20 Vegetation has advanced some two or 3 days past. Mild.

20 Lilac leaves are opening, and some 1/20 or 1/40 of an inch long.
Gooseberry leaves are open — some as large as my finger nail.
Honeysuckle leaves are open.
Seringa leaves are opening.
Soft maples — a few begin to be reddish
Mourning Willows — are greenish.
Elms are in blossom — color hazle — some not at all
Fruit trees, horse chestnut, &c. show no change
Trees across the river at E. Hartford seem unchanged.

21 Roads dry and travelling good in every direction

April 2 & 3. grew warmer — vegetation which had remained stationary for some time began to advance slowly.

April 10
Lilacs — leaves so much open, that the bushes look green, and the purple clusters of flower buds are as large as a thimble — some spreading
Seringa — leaves like those of lilacs.
Gooseberry — leaves " " of do.
Currants — show small leaves
Apples } — some show small leaves — some not
Pears }
Peaches — end of flower buds are red.
Eng. Cherry — large green buds — a few opening.
Horse chestnut — buds are swelled & ends green
Red maples — are red.
Apricots began to blossom, close by buildings on S. side, the 5th of April — a few trees were in full blossom to day — 10th.
East Hartford trees have changed but are not green — some greenish at this distance.
Grass grows a little — Elms are changing to greenish — the seed formation
People ploughed & sowed oats, &c. the last week in March and the first week in April, in some farms in West Hartford, &c.
Hartford streets have been so dry that the sprinkling has begun some days ago.

April 17
Peaches — began to blossom April 11 — many are in full blossom many not yet full — some have not begun to blossom.
Eng. Cherries — a few blossoms appeared by the side of a building April 15. More blossoms 16th — a few blossoms on many trees 17th, most trees have no blossoms yet.
Apple buds show red ends on a few trees
Apricots — on the wane
Apple trees — many are greenish at a distance — some not
Crab apples — a little more forward than other apples
Pears, about the same as apples.
Grass — green in rich lands — 2 inches high in warm places — some lands not green
Elms — greenish — blossoms have fallen
Red maples — some red yet — most of red blows have fallen.
Horse chestnut — leaves are opening — not open
Forests some are hazel color — some not changed
East Hartford is a little greener.

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April 22 was a warm day — fire not necessary, Vegetation advanced fast.

April 24

Blossoms — all fruit trees are in blossom except apple trees — not yet begun; and Apricots whose blossoms have fallen. A great profusion of blossoms out.

Eng. Cherries — some are full but most are not — some just begun
Com. Cherries — began on the 20th. a little later than English
Peaches are in full blossom or a little past — much difference in them as to time of flowering — perhaps full 23.
Pears — began to blossom 19th — not full — some hardly begun
Plums about the same as pears — Mr Hoadley's began April 21
Apple, Crab apples } a few trees show buds near blossoming — and I observed to day on an apple limb in a warm place close by the red barn in Market Street, a dozen blossoms — Most all trees are later; very few apple trees are near flowering.
Horse chestnut leaves are open and 2 or 3 inches long.
Maples — leaves on some trees are open & quite green — on others not open.
Elms — are greenish — leaf buds are large & some beginning to open
Button Ball — large leaf buds, and a few are beginning to open
Forests those nearby some a little greenish, some not — those more distant, have a reddish brown — all have changed.
Some oaks near Dutch point have large leaf buds almost ready to open.
Grass on meadows & richer lands, a deep green both sides of the river

April 25 Fire not needed

April 27
Eng. Cherry — in full bloom
Plums — not quite full; A
Pears — a little later than plums
Peaches — on the wane
Crab Apples — a few blossoms appeared to day — perhaps some yesterday.
Apples — many blossoms on the tree noticed April 24 — A limb of Mr Hoadley's apple tree bloomed yesterday 26, near his house. I noticed no other that had begun to blossom
Dandelions, Currants } have begun to show flowers —

April 28 Had no fire in my room for 3 days past, but had fire again to day.

April 29
Apples — a few blossoms appeared on several trees to day, not close to buildings.
Flowering Almonds — begin to blossom
Thorny Locust — Leaf buds beginning to open a little
Horse chestnut — The pyramids of buds are 2, 3 & 4 inches high
Lilacs — begin to blossom

May 1
Peach — blossoms mostly fallen — some small trees have blossoms.
English Cherry — on the wane but trees white yet
Common Cherry — about full.
Plums — vary much in forwardness — were full about 29th. Some not full yet
Pears — vary — about full now, or a day or two later.
Crab apple — about as early apple trees — some trees have many blows and some have none quite open
Apples — just trees that blossomed are whitish, but not more than one blossom in 10 is yet open — many trees have a few blossoms, but most have none yet
Lilacs — have very few flowers open
Currants — almost full — not quite.

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May 1 continued – Hartford

Butternuts – have small leaves, and green strings of buds (like worms) 1½ or 2 inches long. [Catkins]

Ash – blossoms or seed formation, in bunches are turning purple or dark color – leaves are beginning to open

Elms – some are green from the seed; some from the leaf; and some are not yet green.

Button Balls – some have small leaves, and some only buds; the latter are not green

Maples – some have large leaves – some small leaves – some just opening.

Charter Oak – has small leaves – greenish near by, but not at a distance

A red oak at Dutch Point has larger leaves & is more green

Dandelions } – are plenty in some lots – the latter not common however.
Pissabeds }

Grass in rich lands is 3 or 4 inches high – in spots 6 inches.
– in poor & cold lands, very little grass to be seen

Forests at some distance have in spots a faint green, a yellowish or brownish green – but in general their appearance is hardly green – it is rather reddish brown with greenish patches.

May 8. Past week cold. Fire necessary

Out of the city, on Windsor Road, Bloomfield road, &c. leaves & blossoms are 3 or 4 days later than among the buildings in the city, and in some the difference is greater.

City

Crabapples – the earliest are in full bloom – some are not

Apples – the earliest are in full bloom – very few such – many trees have not 1/4 of buds open.

Blossoms have mostly fallen from cherries, plums & pears.
One sort of plums, some common cherry & some pears are yet whitish with flowers.

Flowering Almonds – in full bloom

Lilacs – are only partly out – not one bud in 20 is open

Horse chesnuts – a few blossoms have just opened.

Thorny Locust – has small leaves, but does not look green

Some Elms & maples are not yet green.

Button Ball – some trees greenish and some not

Currants – small currants at one end of stem – blossoms at other end.

Forests –
Chesnut & oak woods just out of the city are only faintly green – are more brown than green

Maples many have reddish leaves, & many are bright red from the red seeds – this gives the woods in several directions a reddish brown appearance, or red mingled with green and brown – Distant forests east & west seem not green.

April and May 1842

May 9. Cold day. Fire in the house and great coat out of doors.

May 15 Progress of Vegetation slow. Cool weather.

Apples – in the city are a little past full bloom – say 12th were full – on the Windsor road, they are now full or a day past. A thin blowth generally trees are poor.

Lilacs – Some are in full bloom – most are not

Flowering Almonds – are waning

Tulips in Gardens are generally in blossom – began 3 or 4 days ago.

Peony has large buds – none open

Dandelion – are about full – some lots yellow – some have gone to seed.

Sissabeds – some pastures white with them Venus pride.

Currants – are half grown in some places.

Horse chesnuts – all have begun to blossom & some are nearly full. Some quite in full bloom.

Thorny Locusts – have small leaves, but do not look green

Chesnuts about Hartford have leaves 3/4 to 1 1/2 inches long but too few to make the trees fully green – are greenish more brown than green.

Oaks – are about as chesnuts, but more leaves & greener – some have reddish leaves, which give the tree a dirty green appearance.

Maples – red leaves are turning green, & red seeds are mostly fallen. Some seeds remain – of a bright red or scarlet.

Walnuts all have leaves, but some trees do not appear green

Some Elms & button balls are hardly green yet.

Forests greenish so far as I can see. The Hills East and West of the Valley seem a little green – but I cannot see them very distinctly.

Vernal grass (the earliest spring grass) is almost all in blossom.

Grass with heads like English grass, but wider leaves, shows heads in warm places

Quinces just begin to open a few blossoms –

Flower de Luce – flowers are out.

May 20 (the day before I left Hartford)

Horse chesnuts are in full bloom

Lilacs ——— are in do ——— "

Quinces are in do " or nearly

Hedge shrubs show white flowers.

Snowballs – blossoms are out, but are greenish not white

Buttercups a few flowers near houses

Syringas have large buds – no flowers

Peonies have " " — " do

Grass like English – generally shows panicles

Red Clover in State House yard, shows many green heads & I noticed 2 or 3 red heads – that is, in blossom.

All trees are green – Thorny Locust about the latest tree

Fruit-tree blossoms are nearly all fallen, Quince excepted.

Tulips, Daffodils &c – their blossoms very plenty in gardens.

English cherries are half grown

Some peaches are as large as the end of my little finger.

Gooseberries are two-thirds grown.

Grass in State House yard is 6 or 8 inches high

Canker worms have begun their ravages on Apple trees.

May 21. The morning I left Hartford there was a heavy white Frost, and water froze over in buckets, &c.

Garden vegetables were cut down at Bloomfield – also at Springfield, &c.

This frost was severe in vicinity of Boston

April and May 1842

Vegetation in Northampton — from minutes of Pepperrnah and H. K. Starkweather Jr.

They did not begin till April 22d.

April 22
Apricots called in full blossom — perhaps a little past — probably began about the 15th or 14th.

Peach trees — are in blossom — some nearly full, some just beginning — probably first blows appeared April 17th, 18 or 19th. — some not begun.

Goose berries show blossoms and open leaves
Thimbleberries " open leaves
Lilacs — " Do — "
Honeysuckle " Do " } probably had been open many days

Dandelions begin to blossom
Horse chestnut leaves almost open (Mr Shepard an late.

April 23
English Cherry — a few scattering blossoms appear.
Currant leaves are open.

April 26 or 27.
Peach trees in full blossom
Garden Lilies are in blossom (H. K. S.) [Some error.

Plum trees began to blossom April 25, and were in full blossom April 29th one says; May 1st the other says — say April 30 or May 1.

Eng. Cherry — in full blossom April 26 P. says — May 1st H. K. S. says.
Probably May 1 is nearly correct.

May 1
Currants in blossom
Pear leaves open.
Peach leaves open

May 4
Pears — begin to blossom — were in full blossom May 8.

May 6
Apple trees & Crabapple trees } began to show blossoms — some were nearly full on the 11th; but H. K. S. says apples were in full bloom May 17. [Must have been in blossom earlier.

May 12
Lilacs began to blossom — were full when I came home May 21.

The first fortnight in May was cold & sour — says H. K. S. except 3 or 4 days. 17th was warm & roads dry & dusty.
The Berkshire Hills were covered with snow on the morning of May 20.

Frost. I find by observation & conversation that the frost of May 21 was pretty severe here; and more so farther west where the fog did not extend. The fruits seem not much injured, but many leaves and tender plants were killed. Ice was formed in many places.

Worms. The apple tree caterpillars are very numerous — seldom more so. Some trees are already stripped by them.
There is complaint that the ground is full of worms & grubs.

April and May 1842.

Comparison of Hartford & Northampton.

Vegetation this season has been from 5 to 8 days earlier in Hartford among the buildings of the city, than in Northampton. — perhaps a little more the early part of the season — 6 to 9 days.
The difference in places out of the city but near it — as on Windsor road, Bloomfield road, Wethersfield road, &c. is not more than from 3 to 5 days — The city is 3 or 4 days earlier than the more open, exposed lands round it.

Observations on the Road — May 21.

Windsor seemed but little behind Hartford — Enfield a little later than Windsor — Springfield & West Springfield, very little earlier than Northampton — some parts of them not any. There are places between Northampton and Hartford that are not any forwarder than N. H. — perhaps not so forward.
The frost of May 21 was severe at Springfield and considerable at Northampton — but I hear of no important damage.
Corn planting was mostly done on the road, and corn is much of it up — a good deal not yet up. I saw some almost large enough to hoe.
Apple trees each side of the river had many blossoms remaining above Windsor — but more in Massachusetts than in Connecticut. They had nearly all fallen in Hartford. Some scattering blows on peach, plum & pear trees —
Winter Rye by the road in Springfield, S. Hadley and Northampton meadow was generally heading out — most of the heads are out wholly or partially. Some fields have nearly all the heads fully out. Rye looks well.
Vegetation in Springfield seemed to me no more advanced than in Northampton.

Mr. Hoadley's Record of Vegetation — his own trees near his house, Hartford. I place no great reliance upon it as an index of the season — First blossoms appeared as follows;

	1837	1838	1839	1840	1841	1842
Apricot	May 5	April 28	April 9.	---	---	April 5
Peach	———	May 3	April 25	———	---	April 11
Plum	May 7	May 12	April 24	April 26	---	April 21
Eng. Cherry	May 4	---	---	April 26	---	April 16
Apple	May 14	---	April 27.	April 26.	May 17	April 26
Crab Apple	———	———	April 27	---	May 18	———
Pears	---	---	---	---	---	April 23

Mr. Hoadley says that vegetation is about a week earlier usually at Hartford, than at New Haven, Saybrook, & other places on the Sound. Is this so? what is the cause?

May 1842

May 21. When I came home, I found all well as usual — viz. Wife, Peninnah, Hall & Frances Birge.
Miss Birge came here from Colebrook, Con. to take care of Hall, the week I went to Hartford; she came March 10. Hall recovered very slowly, but was able to ride to Connecticut in a one horse waggon with Frances May 6. They went to Colebrook, came back to Bloomfield and Hartford, and returned from Bloomfield to Northampton, May 13. — Hall is not as well as usual; that is, not as well as he was before his late sickness. He and Frances expect to be married in a few days, & to join the incipient Community or Association at the Silk Factory or Broughtons Meadow.

Sunday May 22. Mr. Wiley preached AM. Mr. A. B. Warner P.M.

Monday 23. Sent Albert to school. Settled some accounts. Helped Hall to purchase a few things.

Vegetation.

Maple trees — many blossoms remaining — though most have fallen.
Eng. Cherries — seem nearly half grown.
Currants seem " " " . Some flowers remain
Gooseberries — " " two thirds "
Crab apples } — a few scattering blossoms remaining.
Pears }
Peaches } The fruit very small — not 1/8th of an inch in diameter.
Common Cherries — not half as large as Eng. cherries.
Plums — just out of blossom — fruit very small
Dandelions — must have gone to seed, but very many are in flower. White caps that
Flowering Almonds — are on the wane — have been several days.
Snowball — blossoms are open — greenish not white.
Tulips — are in blossom — have been some time. Talbot's tulips are in their glory.
Grasses —
Red clover — shows in early places green heads — no red ones — P.S. Saw 2 heads partly red
Early vernal grass — is generally in flower — probably has been a long time
Grass like English — is generally headed out in rich warm lands.
Buttercups — many scattering blossoms to be seen — began probably about May 19 or 20. — They are thick in Mr Nichols dooryard.
Grasses seem as high & as forward as they were in Hartford on the 20th or 19th.
Thorny Locust — trees are only greenish — hardly green at a distance
Button Balls — are of a pale green.
Maples — Some have reddish leaves & a full red seed — not many
Horse chestnut — are in full blossom.
Butternut — have long strings of green buds — 3, 4 or 5 inches long —
Quince — have an abundance of blossoms — but are not quite in full bloom — will be so in 2 or 3 days.

Round Hill.
The Oaks & chestnuts are green but not deep green — abundance of brown limbs are yet visible. Are as green as green trees about Hartford 5 days since.
Mt Holyoke and Tom are green.
Lilacs — purple & white are in full blossom.
Seringa's have no flowers —

The season is not now quite as forward as that of 1840 — and 1839 was about as early — April 1842 however was earlier than April in those years, as to Apricots, peaches, pears, &c. May has been cool.

May 1842.

Tuesday 24 My garden was planted May 17th — a week ago.
Nothing up yet

Elizabeth and Albert came from New York to Hartford May 10. Son J. Walker remains in New York but is in no business — He is helping McCune some; and gets his board. Mr. McCune sold out where he had been doing business in March, and he and J. Walker separated. J. W. has now no concern in the profits or losses of the business.

Sylvester had a blow up at Augusta in March in consequence of preaching an offensive peace sermon, in which the merits of the Revolution were handled with some severity. He was dismissed from being one of the chaplains of the Legislature, and came near having an outbreak in his parish. He has since had the Discourse printed — and offensive enough it is to most people.

Aphia left New York for Augusta Maine April 28 by way of Norwich, Worcester & Boston — and reached Augusta the 30th. She is instructing a school there that Sylvester procured for her.

Hophni has left Rainbow in Windsor, and is now in the employment of Mr Denslow at his store in Hartford. Mr Denslow gave him 180 dollars last year, and agrees to give him 275 dollars this year.

C. Parkman continues at Bennettsville, S Carolina.

The Note against B. B. Barber — belonging to myself and brother Matthews — (See Sept. 18. 1839. and Feb. 13. 1840)

Note was due March 11. 1840	$1949.80
Interest for year ending March 11. 1841	116.99
Interest for year ending March 11. 1842 $116.99 and 7.02	124.01
Interest 1 mo. 27 days to May 8. 1842, or with grace days, from March 14 to May 11. (or 18.52 and 2.29)	20.81
	$2211.61 — due May 11.

D. F. Robinson's note, turned out to me by Mr Barber, was due May 8 — 11. and was paid at Hartford Bank May 11 — 2000.00.

Note against Luther Smith was due May 13. and was not paid — $136. and a year's interest.
The Indorsers, Buck, Bull & Porter guaranteed the payment in 90 days, viz on August 13th. 1842.

Note against L. G. Stearns is not due till March 1845 — 2 years interest due and not paid. There are doubts about the security of this note — I was offered 75 cents on a dollar for it. It may prove good & may not. I may get more than my debt; and may get less. (144+8+8 = 160 —

P.S. In Oct 1842. I could get no offer for this note: the general opinion was that it was worthless.

(See March 4. 1844)

May 1842

Tuesday 24 The 2000 dollars paid me by D. F. Robinson May 11, I sent up to Northampton by Hall May 13. and he took part, and deposited part in the Bank

Settled with Son Hall yesterday.

I owed him 2 notes June 3. & June 7. 1841 and Interest to May 15. 1842.	314.00 principal	
	17.80 Interest.	
He let me have note against John Clark, Ap. 17. 1841 and Interest to May 16. 1842	235.00 principal	
	15.22 Interest	
I had of him in Hartford	1.25	
		$583.27

I paid him as follows

In Cash from the Hartford money	578.77
Paid for his papers in Boston last Jany	3.50
His postage bill charged to me	1.00
	$583.27

The Hartford Money

I let Hall have as above	578.	77
I lent to Cousin Samuel Edwards for Hall did May 17	500.	00
I lent to the town (Doct. Barret responsible) for brother Matthews, most of it May 23	800.	00
Remains in the bank	100.	00 Sam'l Edwards had it
Have on hand	21.	23
	$2000	00

Paid out since I came home

To John Bridgman for wood	1.92	
To Postage bill from March 6 to April 1	1.25	
Debt to Powers	.93	
Isaac Clark for flour	1.00	
Paid Hawley for brother Matthews	3.50	
For Goods 35 cents. Hawley make 2 days 1.00	1.35	
Paid Mrs Shepard's milk bill	1.31	
25 Paid Doct. Walker's bill { for my wife / for Hall	2.00 / 22.00	
25 Paid balance of account to Isaac Clark { (about 6 dolls. was cash — the rest goods	30.09	
25 Paid Thayer's bill of shear pork 39 lbs @ 7½c	2.92	
" " " " Salt for do	.17	
26 " Deac. Enos Clark, old account	.60	
27 " Mr Dane, [illegible] & Cleaning in my absence	2.37	
27 " Miss Smith, Millinery, bleaching & trimg bonnets	2.83	
29 " Lovake for shoemaking & mending	0.88	
" for Goods 41c	0.11	
	75.23	
add	4	

10th April last, Hall paid George Shepard 75.00
viz for rent of house 1 year to April 10 1842 70.00
for use of ½ pew 1 year to Nov 1. 1841. 5.00

Hall had this money as follows — My dividend at Bank 28.00
of Isaac Clark (of which 29.40. was rec'd of Laban Marcy. 35.00
of Jonathan Pomeroy (he had 13$) 12 75.00

May 1842.

Wednesday 25 Brother Matthews, money.

He owned of the Hartford notes (Robinson and others) March 11–14, 1840 (see May 4, 1840) — 700. 00
and brother Parsons has my certificate of his owning it.
Interest on the above (simple) from March 14. 1840 to May 11. 1842 — 25 months, 27 days @ 3.50 p mo. 90. 65

790. 65.

Deductions —

I paid for bro. M. June 30. 1841 (see that date) 22.68
Interest on this to May 11. 1842 — 1.16
Postage on 4 letters I wrote & received in order to find a place to invest bro. M's money } 45
Paid Hawley, May 23, for 2 years Gazette — 3.50
27.79 — 27. 79.

So brother Matthews owns of the note against the town — 762.86
and I own the rest $37.14. The note is payable Jan. 1. 1844.

[I have a writing in regard to this above to bro. Parsons, dated July 30. 1842]
(See March 4. 1844.)

Chauncey Parkman's (son's) money

I received from him, through son J. Walker's hands 200 dollars April 20 or 21. 1842; sent up 150 dollars to son Hall:— he pays as follows —

Ap. 23. To E. Williams, Note to Hamp. Miss. Society 105. 43 principal & int.
To Charles Smith, acct. 17.58 & Interest 60c — 18. 18
To J. H. Butler, book account — 3. 57
127. 18

May 1. To Indorsment on Parkmans note to me 72. 82
$200. 00

C. Parkman still owes the balance of the note to me — and a Note of $100 to Stephen Johnson, Hadley, & Interest since Sept. last.
(For Parkman's money sent last August, See Aug. 23. 1841)

My family had in my absence — Staff with them — 12.00
Erastus Lyman, Goshen, Con. sent me to reward me } 5.00
for information in regard to his ancestors
They had of the 13 dollars paid by Vera. Pomeroy — 1.00
18.00.
The 18 dollars was nearly expended when I came } home for things for Hall & family — flour, goods, labor &c

May 1842

Thursday 26 In the afternoon, I walked out to Oliver Warner's old place, and thence to Broughton's Meadow & the Silk Factory and home. Vegetation is not quite as forward out there even on sandy land, as in the village. Frost of the 21st was more severe there than here.

Rye — I saw several fields from 3 to 4 feet in height, and heads all out — heads were reddish brown. Rye looks very well this spring — a proof that an open winter is not always injurious to grain.

Quince Blossoms are at the full — a great abundance of them I never saw so many.

Buttercups — many are in blossom, and some places are yellow with them — yet they have but just begun to blossom.

Red Clover — I saw several heads in blossom, on red to day — but the number is small; and confined to warm places.

Corn is generally up — some is almost large enough to hoe. It looks rather yellow in some places weather too cold for it.

Broomcorn not up.

Lilacs are on the wane purple color has grown whitish.

Flower de luce. Mr Shepard's begins to blossom others have been out some days.

Friday 27 A cloudy, rainy day. Hall is preparing to remove to Broughton's Meadow, to join the community.

Saturday 28, Clear. Hall and Frances (not yet married) removed to Broughton's Meadow to the old Burt House. Two other families in the house. ——— I wrote to Hopkins & Elizabeth.

The Times. The complaint of hard times, low prices, scarcity of money, &c. has perhaps been quite as loud & frequent this spring as at any time since 1836. The circulating medium has been, and is much diminished; the failure of states and banks, and the great depreciation of many kinds of property have ruined many thousands, and seriously affected many who are not ruined. This is all the natural consequence of the excessive extravagant courses pursued by states, corporations and individuals in what were called good times. Depletion & emptiness must follow Plethora or fulness. Business is every where called dull, yet there is quite as much buying & selling as is profitable to the people in general.

The prices of goods & produce are low — some very low.

Sunday 29 Cloudy, & afternoon rainy. Weather cool.

Mr. Wiley preached both parts of the day.

Visited Isaac Clark in the evening, in Fruit Street. Had Mrs. with a lamp to light me across the bridge in returning. The bridge is rebuilding with a roof.

May 1842.

Monday 30. Coming up of Garden plants 1842

Pole beans, Bush beans	began to come above the ground in 12 days from planting		
Cabbages, Radish	do	in 7 or 8 "	" "
Sweet corn	do	in 13 "	" "
Turnip beets	"	8 "	" "
Cucumber	"	12 "	" "
Crookneck Squash	"	12 "	" "
Winter Squash	"	—	
Potatoes	"	16 "	

These things, compared with last year, show that the weather is colder than then. Seeds remained in the ground from 4 to 6 days (say 5 days on average) longer this year than last before they came up. The planting last year was a week earlier than this year. It was very warm last year, the latter part of May.

Monday 30

A rainy day. Wrote to J.W. by Isaac Clark — do not know as J.W. is in New York — Wrote to Sylvester and Appha at Augusta.

Mrs. Henshaw was buried to-day. She was one of the last of the old aristocracy of Northampton. Her age was 87. yet a few months since she used to attend meeting, and was one of the most straight erect women in the house — her head was up, her black eyes were bright, and there was much dignity in her appearance.

Tuesday 31. Anson Chapman paid a year's interest on his note $30. Deducting J.A. Judds auction bill 1.06 of Aug. 1840 — Doct. Hooker here — paid 45 dollars on his note.

My money —	Brought from Hartford	26.46	
	Took of Parkman's money here	22.82	
	Took of Hall, part of 200 $	21.23	
	Had of Chapman above	28.94	
	Had of Doct. Hooker above	45.00	
		144.45	
(Paid out since I came home (see 3 pages back)		~~70.23~~	75.27
On hand 74.18. Some Hall $5 — so left (Paid June 8)			69.18
			144.45

Hopkins has of my money $87. and $100 is in the bank.

[P.S. June 7. Rec.d 80 dolls of the 87.$ and lent to Sam.l Edwards the 100]
" Oct. 5. 1843. Hopkins paid the 7 dollars.

Thermometer at Cambridge May 1842

at sunrise	43.4	Coldest mornings May 8. 34° May 21. 32°:
at 9 A.M.	53.5	Warmest do May 19.
at 3 P.M.	60.2	Warmest at 3 P.M. May 6. 76: 18. 80: 19. 78.
at 9 " "	49.6	Warmest at 9 " " May 20. 36: 9. 39.

May 1842.

Vegetation May 31. and June 1.

The season was forward in April, and blossoms of Apricots, peaches, cherries, &c. were out earlier than they have been for many years. May has been cold and backward, and fire has been comfortable almost all the time. Vegetation is now several days later than it was June 1. 1840 (an early season) and a little later than it was in 1839, but earlier than 1838 & 1841. It is very near as in 1839 & some things are as early as then.

The Meadow – upper and earlier part.

Rye is headed out & some pieces 3 or 3½ feet high. It is not so forward as on good uplands.

Wheat – but little sown & that somewhat injured by the winter. Heads not out.

Corn – is generally up & many pieces are large enough to hoe. I saw several persons hoeing, May 31, having begun that day: and very many will commence this week.

Broomcorn – is but just out of the ground, in general.

Potatoes – not up.

Oats – 3, 4. and 5 inches high.

Grass – seems backward on most lands

On Uplands – plants are more advanced than in the meadows, where the upland is warm & good.

Grass in some rich fields or places is 10, 12 & 15 inches high.

Early Grass – that which first shows flower, has long been in flower, and still continues so.

English grass & similar sorts generally show heads or panicles – some of it quite tall – none yet in blossom.

Tall Oat Grass (J. D. Whitney's) just begins to show the top of the panicle

Butter cups – many are out, but on King-street lots, nine tenths are not yet open. The places "yellow with them" noted May 26, are Mr Nichols lot & some other warm places – yellowish would be better.

Red Clover – red heads or blossoms show themselves only in Early lands and about buildings. Mrs. Ebenezer Hunts side hill has places reddish with them – also the lot opposite, near the Edwards meeting house. In most mowings but few red heads are yet visible.

White clover begins to blossom in some places.

Dandelions – some flowers appear, but most of them have gone to seed. White, globular seed caps are numerous.

Apples – the blossoms are nearly all fallen – a scattering blow appears here & there. Size of apples varies, but all small – some 3/8 of an inch

Crab Apples – blossoms have all fallen from the common ones but Mr Talbot has two trees which he calls "Green Crabs" which are now in blossom, not quite full.
Common crabs have apples 1/8 & 1/4 of an inch in diameter.

Peaches – are larger than apples in general – most are 1/4 or 3/8 of an inch – and some nearly 1/2 inch in diameter, shortest way.

P.S. H. K. Starkweather Jr. says some peach trees near Wm. Parsons side hill were full of blossoms April 22, & he thinks blossoms appeared on them a week before – I think April 17 or 18 is soon enough to put the beginning.

June 1842

Vegetation May 31 & June 1. Continued —

English cherries — are more than half grown — are 3/10 & 4/10 of an inch in diameter, the shortest way.

Common cherries are about half as large or perhaps 2/3.

Plums — are about the size of crab apples — stoning 1/4 of an inch through.

Pears — are about as apples as to size.

Currants — are almost full grown in early places — others not so forward. A very few blossoms remain.

Elms — most of the winged seeds have fallen — some remain, of a brownish color.

Maples — some of the winged seeds remain on the trees — have turned brown

Hedge Thorn — called haw thorn — these are in full blossom and full of bees, whose humming reminds one of Virgil's Hyblaean bees, gathering sweets on the hedges.

Quinces — are past the full; many flowers have fallen & many remain.

Lilacs — the flowers remain, but are faded.

Tulips — are past the full, but still are glorious.

Peony — shows large buds, partly red — no blossoms.

Seringa — shows only buds — no blossoms

Trumpet } some began to open 2 or 3 days since, or more —
Honeysuckle } some not yet begun to open.

Wild Honeysuckle has long been in blossom and is on the wane.

Hazel Nuts — are on the wane — but the flowers still remain and give the trees a handsome chandelier appearance.

Snow Balls have been in flower several days — a few are turning white, but most are still of a yellowish green, and give no snowy appearance.

Yellow Lilly — blossoms not open.

Ox eyed Daisy — I saw several flowers May 31 in a warm side hill near Mill River & the aqueduct — had probably been open 1 or 2 days — same place with those noted last year.

Butternut — the long pendulous strings seem to be in blossom

Walnut (Shagbark) The pendulous strings of buds are quite green — not so forward as Butternuts.

Young Crows — some have left the nest.
I believe some other kinds of young birds — not many however.

Thimbleberries — Mr Shepards began to blossom May 31.

The season as to flowers & fruits, is now, so far as I can judge, 3 or 4 days earlier than last year, and 4 or 5 days later than 1840 — about as 1839 — not quite so early as to some things

Thermometer for May in N.H.

At Sunrise 42 9/31
At 1 P.M. 63 17/31
At 9 " " 49 12/31

Average 51 88/93 almost 52°

Coldest May for many years, except 1832 which was a little colder.

The average of May for 17 years is about 56°.

June 1842.

Wednesday 1
Thermometer
At sunrise 43
at 1 P.M. 70
at 9 P.M. 46

Wind N.W.
Clear —

Jon Hall and Frances P. Bigge (daughter of Bailey Bigge, of Colebrook, Con.) were married about 10 o'clock this forenoon by Oliver Warner Esq. in our front room. They came in with George Benson in their common dresses, and were married without any parade or preparation. Those who happened to be present were myself, George Benson, Peninnah, Sarah Mather and grandson Albert. Wife was very busy sweeping, &c. & did not come into the room.

Hall had on old but whole garments, and his straw hat which he had just taken off lay in his lap. Frances had on a common calico gown, common blanket (plaid) shawl and straw bonnet. No gloves on either. Both sat while Mr. Warner obtained from each a promise to perform their conjugal duties, & pronounced them husband and wife. The time occupied was not over a minute. They did not sit by the side of each other, but Hall sat at the South East window, and Frances at the S. West window. Mr Warner stood. After Hall had done some business in the village, they returned to their residence. There was no eating nor drinking connected with this marriage. Mr Warner refused his fee, so it cost nothing to any body.

The weather continues cool, especially the nights.

Thursday 2
Thermometer
At sunrise 35
At 1 P.M. 71
At 9 " " 56

— A cold morning for June — probably frost in some parts of the town — yes, and in other towns — but no great damage done

Wind
N.E. — S.E. —
S. — S.S.W.
Clear

Settled with brother Parsons

I owed him Dec. 9. 1841 (see that date)			10.05
Have had since — about 6 months —			
Butter 11 pounds	@ 21	called	3.48
do 8 pounds in May + June	@ 15 cts		1.20
Sausages	@ 10 cts lb		1.07
Fresh pork 17 pounds	@ 6c		1.02
1 Ham	@		1.00
Eggs part at 12½ cts part at 10 cts			1.40
Wood 2/3 of a cord			2.00
			$21.22

Paid this to day.

Friday 3
Thermometer
At sunrise 38
At 1 P.M. 71
at 9 " " 51

Fair
Some haze —
Halo.
Wind S.

Another cold morning. There have been no such mornings in June since I have kept a thermometer. Vegetation is almost at a stand. — There was frost in places

Cousin Eleazar Judd here —

Brother Johnson & Drusilla here.

South wind all day, & much of yesterday, yet no change as to cold —

June 1842

Friday 3. continued.

Settled with John Clarke as to money matters.

I had against him	1 Note dated April 17. 1841.	for	235	now due	250.90
I had " "	1 do " April 19. 1841	"	235	" "	230.82
I had " "	1 do " June 3. 1841	"	500	" "	530.00
I had " "	1 do " June 7. 1841	"	169	" "	179.03
	Principal		1139. & Int 71.75	=	1210.75

He paid me 75 cents and gave a new note for 1210 dollars—

Saturday 4 — The evening noises are from frogs, tree toads, here & there a cricket, and sometimes a bird. I have heard no whippoorwills this season.

Mostly clear — some haze & clouds. Wind at first N.E. but most of the day was Southerly.

Thermom.
At sunrise 48
at 1 P.M. 75
at 9 " " 63

Sunday 5 — Warmest morning this year — warmest day. Dry.

Thermom.
at sunrise 61
at 1 P.M. 80
at 6 p.m. 76
at 9 " " 68

Over 20 persons admitted to the church to-day by Mr. Wilcox. There was something of a revival here while I was at Hartford, and meetings are still frequent. Several of those admitted were baptized. In the afternoon 7 or 8 babes were baptized. Since Mr. Williams death, most of the baptisms have taken place in the Town Hall on lecture days.

Mostly Clear. Wind brisk from S. & S.S.W.

Monday 6 — Vegetation advanced but little for some days till yesterday. That was the first day this year that felt like summer. Fire has been necessary for comfort some part of the day all the season till yesterday.

Partly Clear. Pretty cloudy or more. Wind N.W.

Thermom.
At sunrise 56
At 1 P.M. 74
At 9 " " 50

English grass (& similar sorts) is partially in blossom — in general not so.
Red Clover — not more than half in flower apparently. Some places in early mowings are red, but in most mowings red spots do not show themselves at
White Clover — about as forward as red.
Butter Cups — on King Street lots, about half in blossom & half not yet open. On early lots (Mr. Nichols, &c) they are on the wane.
Tall oat grass (Mr. Whitney's). The tops of the panicles or heads are nearly all visible; but few heads entirely out.
Orchard Grass. Some entire heads are out.
Herds Grass. No heads visible.
Oxeye Daisy — but little to be seen — not much grows about here. Some at S.S. bridge
White flower (shaped like daisy but smaller) is plenty & some places white with it (Fleabane)
Peony — began to blossom June 4 — but few flowers are yet open
Seringa — I saw 2 or 3 blows June 2, and a few more June 3 & 4th. and many came out yesterday — but only a few are open — not one in 20.
Snow balls are now white & snowy.
Yellow Lilly. Mr Shepard's began to have open blossoms June 5th
Thimble berries — about half the blossoms are open.
Horse Chesnut — most of blossoms remain; some have fallen. No burs visible
Butternuts — blossoms have fallen — No butternuts visible.

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Monday 6 – continued.

Fruits – all kinds of fruit trees are full – I have seldom seen them more so. Some apricots are 3/4 of an inch in diameter – some peaches & apples 1/2 inch or more. Cherries, plums, pears, & crab apples promise well.

Currants are nearly full grown.

Rye in early lands, is flowering. I saw stalks 6 feet high to-day.

Corn – much hoeing was done last week – more will be done this week than last.

Broomcorn – hoeing has hardly begun

Common Locust } Flower buds are almost ready to open – will soon be in blossom.

Appletree worms – are crawling about on fences, &c.

The season is 5 or 6 days later (I judge) than 1840, and 2 or 3 days earlier than 1841

Garden was planted May 17, and the seeds remained in the ground much longer than usual before they began to come up and some after remaining 20 days are now coming up as beans, potatoes, &c. I planted over the garden to day where the other planting failed; & where some space was left unplanted.

Tuesday 7 Thermometer At sunrise 33 At 1 P.M. 66 At 9 " " 48 Clear

Considerable Frost here – many leaves frozen stiff. Such weather in June has not been known here since 1816 – that cold, dismal season.

I hear from various parts of the county, that there was a white frost somewhat severe this morning but do not hear of great damage. I find some things killed in this village but not many. Considerable frost about Hartford, Troy, &c. {Wind N.E. mostly towards night E.S.E S.

Cousin Samuel Edwards, Jr. here to day. Hall, by my orders, lent him 500 dollars May 17. He now paid me the interest to this day, or 20 days $1.67. and gave a new note for the 500 dollars, & gave me a mortgage of land in Norwich to secure the same, both dated to day.

I also lent him 100 dollars more & took his note – lent him the 100 dollars which remained in the Bank.

Isaac Clark brought me 80 dollars which I lent Hopkins in Hartford for Mr. Denslow. Mr D. paid Mr Clark. Hopkins still owes me 7 dollars which he borrowed for himself.

I sent to Col. Wm Hooker, Westfield, by his request in writing, by Mr. Yeomans, a note signed John A. Judd, Eleazar Judd and Owen Kingsley, given to Betsey Farmer of Westfield. I have no interest in the note.

My Taxes – my parish Tax is $13.33 – off 5 per cent 67¢. I paid $12.66. Whole tax is 1725 dolls – so I pay 1/129th part of the tax.

Town Tax 21.84 (or 4.38 on 1000 and Poll 1.69) off 5 per cent 1.09. I paid 20.75
School house tax ——— " " 3.16
Paid June 8 – $23.91

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Wednesday 8 — Still cold, but no frost here.
Thermom. — I hear there was frost in low places in Westhampton and elsewhere — also in some distant places.
at sunrise 39 — Fire still necessary for comfort most of the day. — Hazy A.M and a halo.
at 1 P.M. 67 — Wrote to Ebenr. Clapp, Jr. of Dorchester in reply to his of March 26. — Cloudy P.M.
at 9 P.M. 54 — Letter from Sylvester & Apphia.

Thursday 9 — Wrote a letter to son C. Parkman. — Wind N.N.E. & N. towards night — S.
Thermom.
at sunrise 49 — Money Matters.
at 1 P.M. 65 — Had on hand June 1 — 69.18 — Raing A.M mostly cloudy P.M.
at 9 " " 60 — Rec'd since of Hopkins Adm'r Lowe 80.00
" " of John Clark — " 75
" " of Saml Edwards 1.67
$151.60

Friday 10 — Cloudy & a little rain in the forenoon.
Thermom.
At sunrise 61 — Paid out since — Showers around P.M. and one here at 6.
at 1 P.M. 78 — Bro Thos Parsons acct — 21.22 — Wind S.W. and N.W.
at 9 " " 60 — My Town tax — 23.91
My Parish tax — 12.66
Flour — 1.00
molasses, Oil, Cocoa, &c — 1.22
Dr. Walker 2 new teeth and filling 2 old ones for wife — 11.00
Dry Beef, raisins, &c. — 0.47
Blank book 3½ Quires — 0.54
June 14. Left with Penimah on hand — 2.00
77.58
$151.60

Saturday 11 — The cold weather continues — it feels today like 1816. People want fire and great coats. The cold season is noticed at Washington and various distant places. — Cloudy, A.M. mostly cloudy but some sunshine P.M. Wind brisk from N.W. Evening Clear
Thermom.
At sunrise 43
At 1 P.M. 48
At 9 " " 38

Southern Wheat Harvest. They began to reap in Arkansas on the 19th of May; and they began to reap the early wheat harvest on James River, Virginia, about the first of June. There will be a late wheat harvest in Virginia.

Vegetation has made but little progress since June began.

Corn is generally hoed once — some not hoed once — none twice.
Broomcorn — is small — not much of it hoed once. Worms injure it.
Red clover — is nearly in full blossom, not quite. Mr. Hunt's mowing is quite early & the clover is past the full — so in other warm, rich places — but in general not so forward — not full.
Buttercups — many flowers fallen & many not opened. Past full in some lots — not full in many lots. As a whole, not quite full.
Tall oat grass (Mr. Whitney's) the heads are not quite fully out — no flowers.
Herds grass — no heads or parts of heads are visible. P.S. Saw 1 head.
Serinea — not full — from ½ to ⅔ of the buds have opened — about one third are not open.
Common locust — blossoms showed themselves June 8.
Honey locust (Gleditsia) — blossoms not out — will be open in 2 or 3 days.
Thorny locust — shows green buds — no blossoms.
Yellow Lilly — Mr. Shepard's — half are in blossom — half buds not opened. others are in full flower.
Peonies — are in their glory.
Horse chestnut — many small burrs are visible — flowers mostly fallen, not all.
Briers — are in blossom
Thimbleberries are in blossom — ⅔ are open —
Trumpet Honeysuckle — are in various stages — some just begun to blossom — some in full flower or waning.

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Saturday 11 continued

The Season - continued. The Season is now about the same as last year or a little later - perhaps a little later than 1839 - very near 1838. - 4 or 5 days later than 1840 - The fruits however, as apricots peaches, cherries, plums, &c. that flowered in April are apparently larger than they were at the same time in 1838. 39. and 41.

Lightning bugs - were first seen on the 9th, at evening, by me.
Musketoes - were first seen on the 10th at night, by me.
House flies - none seen - and very few of any kind have appeared.
Hornet bugs - I have not seen any.

This has been one of the coldest, most disagreeable days that I ever knew in June. The thermometer at 1 was down to 48° in the wind, and about 51° out of the wind. There was a brisk wind from the Northwest all day - cold & chilly. People rode in their waggons with great coat and mittens, and some hoed corn in mittens. Fire was necessary all day.
Snow fell in small quantities in the Towns west of this in the forenoon - more towards Albany. Therm. at 38° at 9. P.M.

Sunday 12 A White frost - the severest we have had in June though the thermometer was not quite as low as on the morning of the 7th. It was at 34 a few minutes after sunrise (probably had been lower) and 34 at 5 o'clock - the wind N. - Most of the garden plants in this village, or very many of them were covered with paper, cloths, boards, leaves, &c. Mr Shepard's garden plants and mine were mostly covered - the first time that I ever covered plants in June, I think. - Some of my beans were not covered, & there were some of them killed but most were not. Plants have been growing so long & have grown so slow that they are rather tough. I noticed that leaves of clover, dock, & various kinds of tender plants were frozen stiff. Mr Shepards corn & mine were but little injured, & potatoes not much damaged.
I expect to hear of great injury to vegetation in some places.

Therm.
at Sunrise 34
at 1 P.M. 64
at 9 " " 52

Clear.
Wind at first N. but most of day was S.

The day has been pleasant but still quite cold for June. Fire was comfortable all day. - Calvin Strong preached A.M. & P.M.
Hall & Frances came in towards night yesterday, and walked out again this morning.

Monday 13 Still cool - Hear of considerable damage by frost of yesterday morning, to corn and garden vegetables, though no general destruction. Fruits & grains not injured. The cold weather is by some attributed to the vast quantities of ice floating on the ocean from the Arctic regions.

Therm.
At Sunrise 48
At 1 P.M. 72
At 9 " " 62

13 Wind S. & brisk
Mostly cloudy
Began to rain at sunset -
Rainy evening

Vegetation advances but little.
Herds grass - the tops of some heads are seen - not many.
Syringa - most of the buds are open - almost full blossom
Eng. Cherries - some begin to show a reddish tint one side
Early apples - begin to be reddish.
Currants - color not changed.
Red clover - advances a little - not quite full
Butter cups - Do - " " " " "

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Monday 13 continued —

Common locust — the greater part of buds open — not quite full.
Tall grass (I know not the kind) shows heads; some full heads.
Snowballs — fast fading — but few white blossoms remain

Gardens are very backward — some injured by frost.

Tuesday 14 I and wife have been preparing to visit our children
Thermom. at Augusta in Maine: and to-day is the time
At sunrise 58. set for starting.
At 1 PM 79 There seems to be a change in the weather; it is warm & pleasant
At 9 " " 68 this morning. — Wind northerly — some clouds — not settled weather yet. [Day was mostly clear — some haze; in evening hornbugs.

I and wife started for Augusta at 10 A.M. reached Boston at 6½ and went on board the steamboat Richmond before 7 P.M. and were soon sailing down Boston Harbor. Were delayed in the night by an accident to another vessel — entered the river Kennebec some time in the forenoon of Wednesday; the boat stopped at Hallowell, & thence we went to Augusta, and were at Sylvester's house between 2 and 3 P.M. We remained in Augusta 19 days; that is, we arrived there June 15. and left on Monday July 4. Visited among the relatives & friends of Jane, especially at Mr. Williams' — made some calls — saw what was to be seen about Augusta; read, talked; I worked some in the garden, &c. Found that Joseph H. Williams (brother of Jane) and Apphia had made an engagement. After a pleasant visit, we took the boat at Hallowell (2 miles below Augusta) on Monday July 4 about 2 P.M. & came down the Kennebec & again entered the ocean. A crank broke, some wheel of the boat was rendered useless, & our progress was slow; we reached Mrs. Dame's boarding house in Boston (where Chauncey Clark and wife board) about 2 P.M. July 5. Wife remained in Boston 3 days, and we visited Mount Auburn, Bunker Hill, Roxbury, the State house, common, market, &c. Wife came home on Friday, July 8, and I remained — was most of the time at the room of the Historical Society, but visited Dorchester twice. On Friday, the 22d Aethusa and Apphia arrived from Augusta. Aethusa left Boston for Augusta, July 6, and was now returning to Andover, and Apphia was returning to Northampton to prepare for marrying. They remained in Boston that day, and Saturday. Apphia came to N.H. and Aethusa went to Andover. I remained in Boston 3 weeks, till Tuesday July 26, & then came to Northampton having been absent 6 weeks. Found wife, Prunnah & Albert well — also Apphia. Wife's hearing suffered much from the noises in rail-road-cars, steam boat, on Boston pavements, &c. & she came home almost deaf, but she is now much better.

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Maine — Below Merrymeeting Bay, the banks of the Kennebec are not very inviting, but for the most part rocky & wild, especially below Bath. Ledges of Rocks, precipices covered with stunted evergreens appear on both sides of the river, with here and there a verdant oasis and one or more dwelling houses — sometimes a small village with some tolerable farms. Some houses are erected among the rocks. Bath is a place of more commerce and apparently business, than any other on the Kennebec. Shipbuilding, steam-sawing, &c. are carried on there. The land improves above Bath, but is still rough & rocky in many places, to Merry-meeting Bay, about 20 miles from the mouth of the river. This Bay is an extensive and very irregular body of water, made by the meeting of the Kennebec, Androscoggin & other rivers. Fish-wears, or places built out from the banks into the river to catch salmon, shad & mallefish (it is a sort of pen) are frequent from the mouth of the river up 30 miles perhaps. West of Merrymeeting bay is Topsham; East of it is Woolwich with a small village among or near the rocks; Northwest of it is Bowdoinham; above Bowdoinham is Richmond, & above Woolwich is Dresden, & in the river opposite Dresden is Swan Island 7 miles long, with some inhabitants. (Dresden is the old Pownalboro' which extended to Wiscasset, (and probably old fort Richmond with its truck house, &c. was here.) Above Richmond on West side of River is Gardiner, a place of considerable business, but not pleasantly situated; opposite is Pittstown. Above these two places is Hallowell on both sides of the river (the village on the west side) and above Hallowell is Augusta, also on both sides, and the village on both sides, but chiefly on the West side. Here is a bridge, state house, &c.

Above Merrymeeting Bay the banks of the river present farms and buildings; many of them pleasant — sometimes the lands are gently sloping to the river, but for the most part there is considerable ascent from the river; the lands on each side rising one, two, three or four hundred feet above the river and in some places more. These slopes are mostly cleared, and the houses belonging to them are sometimes near the river, sometimes on the side hill, but oftener near the top. The top of the ascent seems to be about on a level with the adjoining country. There are no intervals, or alluvial lands on the river, except above where I visited. The lands above M. M. bay are better than most of the lands in Massachusetts, I should think. The upper towns, Gardiner, Hallowell & Augusta, are better than those below, & those above these are said to be still better. But few evergreens are noticed above M. M bay. There are no large trees to be seen near the river — all seems to be a 2d growth, or perhaps a third. The fences about the farms are generally frail & poor — logs, stumps, brush slabs, boards with stakes & withes, poles, stone walls, &c There is no good fencing timber — no chestnut, or any lasting timber, except cedar which grows at some distance above Augusta & is very expensive. The apple trees in this region look young & vigorous; there are no peach trees & very few cherries or plums. The mowings & pastures appear to be pretty good; also the potatoes, corn &c.

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Maine Vegetation. When I arrived at Augusta
June 15. Clover & oxeye daisy were in blossom - not full
Lilacs - blossoms beginning to fade
Snowballs - blossoms about full - large & handsome
June 18. Peony began to show open flowers.
" 19 Syringa " " " do.
" 20. Common Locust " " do.
" 27. White daisies & Butter cups were about full
" 27 Red clover - was " "
" 27 - Syringa " " "
" 27 Com. Locust " " "
" 27. Herdsgrass showed some whole heads.

From these & other observations I conclude the season in Maine (at Augusta) was this year only 10 or 12 days later than here, though it is usually 2 or 3 weeks later, it is said. The corn in Maine was generally hoed once when I arrived there but not all. Gardens at Augusta looked well.
The frosts in June were not so heavy at Augusta as in some places about here.
The snow of June 11 was hardly perceptible at Augusta but on the higher lands near Moosehead Lake was 8 inches deep or more & remained on the ground 2 or 3 days some of it. This snow extended through the northern parts of New Hampshire, Vermont & New York, and in the vicinity of Albany, it snowed quite fast for some time, but soon melted.

Night noises in Maine - tree toads, frogs & a few crickets.
Morning do - Robins & other birds.
Dense fog at Augusta, many mornings - sometimes thick.

Vegetation between here & Boston.
When I went down June 14, the corn in N. H. meadow was hoed once, and much of the broomcorn; and all the way to Boston, the corn was generally hoed once, except some between Willbraham & Worcester was not finished. There was not a great difference as to forwardness all the way except in vicinity of Boston. The cold season brought all places on this route nearly upon a level as to vegetation. I noticed some damage by the June frosts in N. H. meadow, and much more in Ludlow; very little elsewhere. Season backward in all places: grass was short on unmanured lands.

Red clover, White clover, Briers, Butter cups, White daisy } were in blossom all the way to Boston, and difference not very great - but more backward west of Worcester, and more forward at Newtown & below. White daisy not plenty, but scattering, till within 10 or 12 miles, then the fields were white with them, in Newton, &c: they went past the full & many flowers fallen in vicinity of Boston.

The best farms between Northampton & Boston are in that part of Granby through which we pass in going to the rail road. There are some as good in S. Hadley, but not so many together. There are some in the vicinity of Boston that are now as good, but were naturally much inferior.

June 1842 and July.

Vegetation – continued. July.

About Boston. When I went to Mt Auburn July 6. I found some mowing done at Cambridge, but not much. Upland grass seemed about ready to be cut. The best pieces of corn were 2 or 3 feet high. English cherries red. White Daisy flowers mostly fallen, but some left. Butter cups about the same

In the market July 7, there were plenty of Eng. cherries, currants, strawberries, string beans & peas – and there were some new potatoes (12/. bushel) turnips, cabbages, onions, beets but all there was small.

July 12 when I visited Dorchester, not 1/4 of the upland hay making was done, and none of the salt marsh. The corn was 2 feet high or more, grass stout and all vegetation was vigorous. A beautiful town.

July 18 the grass at East Boston was not more than half of it mowed – it was clover, herdsgrass, redtop & some English. Some white weed and canada thistle.

July 20. They were still making hay on the uplands in Dorchester and had just begun to cut the salt marshes. Corn showed the panicles or heads.

July 26. The towns around Boston, where much manure is put on the land, and vegetables are raised for Boston are more forward than in the Connecticut valley – but the difference, even there, is not very great as to articles raised by common field culture. Fruits are also ripe there a little earlier than here.

The land appears rather poor in Newton, and is quite a thin soil in Needham, Natick, Hopkinton, &c when the rail road goes. Westboro' is much better, and Worcester is a good farming town. After leaving Worcester the land is not good to Brookfield, the Brookfields have considerable good land. After leaving them there is a good deal of broken sterile land to Putts bridge, and light plain land in Ludlow. Granby & South Hadley have much good land.

26 Almost all the corn from Newton to Granby is small canada corn – (some larger at Worcester, Brookfields, &c). This little corn was every where headed out & many less of it silked out. The large corn in Granby & South Hadley was about as forward as the small corn east of them – panicles out and in some fields, the silk visible. The corn in N.H. meadows on Hockanum road, was not so forward as in S.H. & Granby. Mostly it showed heads, but some were hardly out.

Corn

Haying – upland mowing was mostly done in several towns, but in most there was still much grass to cut, or at least many acres to mow, especially in the towns with a lean soil. There is some good grass not yet cut in Granby & South Hadley and considerable in Northampton meadow. They had but just begun the low meadows in Brookfield.

Harvesting. Most of the rye on the route was cut – not much more east of the Brookfields – Much more between Putts Bridge and Northampton than east of there. Some fields in most of the towns where it is raised are not yet harvested. Very little wheat on the route. The rye harvested has been cut within a few days.

June & July 1842

Vegetation - continued July 26.

Oats - on the rail-road route, were generally green - a few pieces whitish; and in Granby & South Hadley, I saw some oats cut - not much.

Potatoes - many fields in blossom - some more forward than that - some not yet in blossom.

Crops on good land looked well every where, and fruit trees generally promised well. There are however very many lean crops between here & Boston. - & very little that will compare with the Connecticut valley.

Broom corn - I saw none east of Granby, and but little east of Hockanum. It is from 2 to 6 feet high - average perhaps 3 or 3½ feet, on good land. No heads show themselves as yet.

Flowers - by the sides of the rail road (July 26). John's Wort and yarrow appear almost every where but few or no handsome blossoms.

Chesnut trees - the flowers have faded, but many trees have still a brownish appearance in some places, from the old blossoms.

Ox Eyed Daisy. This plant is seen all the way to Boston, but is more plenty about Boston than farther west. It is on the Islands in Boston harbor. It is very thick on the Kennebec, especially above Merrymeeting Bay. When we came down the river July 4. extensive fields on both sides of the river were white with it. Augusta is full of it. On my return from Boston I saw but a few blossoms - almost all had disappeared.

Canada Thistle. This plant is every where - in the towns & Islands about Boston; on the Kennebec or at least at Augusta &c &c. I was informed there was much of it in Maine. It is abundant in Massachusetts

The cold weather the first part of June changed to warmer about the time we started for Maine, and it has been still warmer in July. Vegetation has advanced rapidly season seems about the same as last year

It is now dry; and there is some complaint of injury by the drought. Crops on some lands are suffering.

July 27 Wednesday Some early apples are ripe. (Jenneetings). I have seen some since my return - a bushel or two.
Whortleberries begin to be offered - they ask 10 cents per qt.
Green corn has been offered.
New potatoes have been offered.

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Expenses of our visit to Maine, &c

Carriage to the Rail Road	2.00
" on rail road to Boston	5.60
Crackers for the way 12. Apples in B 4.	0.16
Hack from rail road to the boat	0.50
Boat from Boston to Hallowell	6.00
Carriage from Hallowell to Augusta	0.50
Toll at Augusta bridge 14. Letter 19c	0.33
Carriage 19c. Boat to Boston 5.00.	5.19
Hack from Boat to Mrs. Dame's	0.50
Omnibus to Mount Auburn. Bunker Hill and Roxbury, & back to Boston	2.00
Wife to Rail Road 25 and home 3.80	4.05
Cash for wife. 25.	0.25
Papers, Beer, crackers, lemons, oranges in Boston	" 56
Postage 19c	" 19
My board in Boston 3 weeks	9.00
Wife's do do 3 days	2.25
Alethusa's & Apphia's board	1.75
My expenses home 25. 2.80 & 1.00	4.05
	44.82

Goods.		
+ 73 lbs soap at 5c/lb. $4.01. Freight to R. Road 19c; 8 yds cotton 1.12. 1 pr shoes 75	6.07	Soap cost for freight on rail road 25 by Wright's team 13 / 38
Paid out in Boston for son J. Walker	5.59 (repaid)	
do — do — for Dau Apphia	40.50	See Sept 26
do " for Apphia's fare home	4.05	
Cash brought home	0.49	
	$101.58	

Carried with me 77.58
Borrowed of C. Clark. 24.00. Gave Note July 25. {Paid at N.H. by Stankweather from my money Aug. 42

$101.58

The Weather at Augusta is probably 5 degrees or more colder than at Northampton, or from 4 to 6. I cannot form a correct estimate from the data which I have, as to the temperature at Augusta.

While I was on the ocean between Boston and Kennebec river going & returning, the weather seemed to be quite cold, though warm on land. There was a breeze all the time, and the sea seemed to me a little rough, but others considered it very tranquil.

We visited at Augusta several times at the house of Mr. Reuel Williams: also visited Mr. William's mother and sister — Mrs. Williams sister Coney: Mr. Williams daughter Bridge, &c.

I attended Sylvester's meeting mostly, but was twice at Mr. Pepper's meeting (orthodox.) Also attended a Universalist Convention half a day, and saw the Universalists immerse 4 or 5 persons. They made a great parade about it — more than the Baptists do.

June & July 1842

Thermometer in my absence — Pennuck kept some record but was not up in the morning till an hour or so after sunrise; I have therefore taken Hall's record for sunrise, at Broughton's meadow; the mornings are one or two degrees (& perhaps more) colder at that place than when I live on King-Street. I kept a record at Augusta while I was there, but in the morning I was not up till sun an hour high or thereabouts.

June	Northampton Sunrise	B.M.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	Augusta 1 P.M.	9 P.M.	Remarks at N.H. & A
Wednesday 15.	(62)	60.	84.	67.	—	—	at N.H. cloudy at night; at Sea fog. and drizzle at night
Thursday 16	(64)	64	81	72.	69	64	at N.H. at Aug. rainy & drizzly
Friday 17	(67)	64	92	71.	83	64	at N.H. at Aug. clear & cloudy, Thunder
Saturday 18	(68)	66	74.	68	74.	65	at N.H. showery at Aug. clear, cloudy, rain
Sunday 19	(70)	67	88	72	67.	65	at N.H. rained in evening at Aug. Rainy day
Monday 20	(70)	67	81	61	76	60	at N.H. wind W. at Aug. clear & pleasant
Tuesday 21	(48)	44	74	59	78	61	at N.H. wind W. at Aug. Clear & pleasant
Wednesday 22	(48)	47	82	68	80	63	at N.H. wind W. & S.E. at Aug cloudy - rain in night
Thursday 23	(68)	64	63.	59	74	54	at N.H. rainy - cloudy at Aug. mostly cloudy.
Friday 24	(54)	51	75.	61.	77.	53	at N.H. wind W. & N.W. at Aug. Clear
Saturday 25	(48)	48.	77.	63	72	56	at N.H. some rain at Aug. cloudy. rain
Sunday 26	(63)	61	86.	71	76.	58	at N.H. wind N.W. at Aug Rainy. Clear.
Monday 27	(63)	62	73.	57	70.	53	at N.H. wind E. & S.E. at Aug. mostly clear
Tuesday 28	(54)	54	68.	65	60.	53	at N.H. wind E. & S.E. at Aug. cold. cloudy, rain
Wednesday 29	(62)	60	75	64	74.	61	at N.H. wind S.W. and W. at Aug. mostly cloudy
Thursday 30	(50)	48	79.	71	74.	60	at N.H. ... at Aug. Clear.
	959	927	1252.	1049	1104.	890	
July Friday 1	(70)	69	86.	69	75.	68	at N.H. S. Th. Shower P.M. at Aug. rain. Clear. Thun. Sh.
Saturday 2	(70)	69	85.	73	83.	69	at N.H. S. Th. Shower P.M. at Aug. Fair with clouds
Sunday 3	(72)	70	86	69	82.	66	at N.H. wind S.W. at Aug. Thun. Shower at 2
Monday 4	(65).	64	87	71	85.	.....	at N.H. wind S. & S.W. at Kennebec cloudy A.M. clear P.M.
Tuesday 5	(66)	68	85	69			at N.H. wind SW. on Ocean mostly cloudy
Wednesday 6	(68)	63	83.	63			at N.H. wind S.W. at Boston mostly cloudy. Rain towards night
Thursday 7	(52)	52	79	65			at N.H. some rain P.M. S.W. at Boston fair
Friday 8	(60)	52	79	70			at N.H. Thunder Shower P.M. at Boston - some clear - some cloudy
Saturday 9	(72)	69	76.	51			at N.H. clear. S.W. at Boston. Cloudy. Some rain
Sunday 10	(53)	58	77.	64			at N.H. clear. N.W. at Boston. clear & bright
Monday 11	(50).	48	83.	68			at N.H. wind S.W. at Boston, clear & bright
Tuesday 12	(56)	52	86.	75			at N.H. ... at Boston clear & bright
Wednesday 13	(60)	55	85.	74			at N.H. ... at Boston clear & very warm.
	814	789	1077	881			

June & July 1842.

Thermometer Continued.

July	At sunrise	at 1 PM.	at 9 PM	
Thursday 14	(68). 63	— 74	— 66	at N.H. — at Boston, clear & very warm
Friday 15	(65) 66.	— 77.	— 65	at N.H. Wind N.E. Cloudy at Boston. Cloudy. some rain
Saturday 16	(67) 63	— 90	— 65	at N.H. Clear at Boston mostly cloudy
Sunday 17	(58). 52	— 89	— 74	at N.H. Clear at Boston, clear & hot
Monday 18	(66) 63	— 86	— 75	at N.H. . . . at Boston cloudy A.M. Clear P.M. Hot
Tuesday 19	(70) 68	— 81	— 62	at N.H. Wind W. clear at Boston mostly clear
Wednesday 20	(49) 46	— 73	— 52	at N.H. Wind W. clear at Boston mostly clear
Thursday 21	(47). 46	— 81	— 65	at N.H. fog in morning at Boston mostly clear
Friday 22	(50) 44	— 80.	70	at N.H. — at Boston mostly clear
Saturday 23	(60). 51	— 84.	72	at N.H. clear at Boston mostly clear
Sunday 24	(66). 64	— 85.	67	at N.H. . Thun. Shower P.M at Boston. Th. Shower at 2. Cloudy after
Monday 25	(52) 51	— 73.	62	at N.H. clear at Boston Clear — cooler
Tuesday 26	(60). 60	— 86.	72	at N.H. . . . — on road from Boston, clear.
Wednesday 27	(66). 62	— 90.	66	Fair — some haze & smoke. very dry.
Thursday 28	(57) 54	— 84.	60.	Fair — some haze & smoke very dusty
Friday 29	89 6 my therm. 61.	— 80	— 73.	mostly cloudy, Wind Southerly
Saturday 30	" " 72	— 90	— 78	Mostly clear. Wind S.W. & S.S.W. Very hot. Wind was brisk all day.
Sunday 31	" " 76	— 64	— 54	Cloudy all day; & cool after 7 or 8 o'clock Wind N.W. and W.N.W. Rain for 2 hours after 12½ o'clock.
	1064	1467	1198	

Thermometer for June in Northampton.

At sunrise $52\frac{13}{30}$
At 1 PM. $74\frac{12}{30}$
at 9 " " $60\frac{25}{30}$

Average $62^{\circ}\frac{50}{90}$.

A cold June — but not quite as cold as June 1836 and 1839. The first 14 days in June averaged 57°. very cold for June.

The first column of figures under sunrise enclosed in ( ) is an account kept by Mr Shepard, & partly by Peninnah — not to be relied on fully. The 2d column under sunrise is Hall's record at Broughton's meadow.

Thermometer for July in Northampton

At sunrise $59\frac{24}{31}$
At 1 PM. $82\frac{2}{31}$
At 9 " " $67\frac{2}{31}$

Average $69^{\circ}\frac{59}{93}$

The sunrise temperature was that at Broughton's meadow, which is lower than here. It was about 61° here probably or a little over. The 9 o'clock temperature is too high.

June in Boston	at 7 A.M.	$59\frac{3}{4}$;	at 2 P.M. 71	Summer Months not so warm in Boston as here.
July in do.	at " "	$71\frac{1}{2}$;	at 2 PM. $80\frac{1}{4}$	
August. do	at " "	64 ;	at 2 " " 74	

July 1842

Thursday 28. Hall & Frances here. They seem to be satisfied with matters at Broughton's meadow. Hall comes into the village every day to do business for the Association.

Son J. Walker has left New York and again established himself in Hartford; he has an office for the sale of newspapers, periodicals, and various kinds of publications.

The sky is grey & the air thick - some haze & smoke. The sun is shorn of his beams; and all appearances indicate drouth. It is excellent hay-weather.

Commencement at Amherst - none went from my family. The dust rose in clouds.

Friday 29 Paid my postage bill for quarter ending July 1. 1842 $5.29 - and during this quarter I paid Sorfe in Hartford, Augusta and Boston. An enormous postage bill for one who is doing no business.

Paid for new potatoes at rate of 50 cts a bushel. Green corn is 12 cts doz. Green peas are 1 dollar a bushel — New apples about 67 cts bushel.

I wrote to David Olds, East Pembroke, Genessee Co. N.Y. in reply to his about the Olds family. He made me pay 18¾ cents postage on his letter & did not deserve an answer.

Ladies' Bonnets. The fashion is much as it has been for a year or two past; and is the same at Northampton, Hartford, Augusta, Boston, &c. The shape is nearly the same for bonnets of Tuscan, straw, silk, muslin, &c. More of the bonnets are straight on the top than heretofore & some a little swelled on the top instead of being depressed. They are not brought round under the chin so much as they were, but are more open there, & are set farther back on the head, so that the face is prominent. The hair is parted on the forehead but not in so triangular a manner as heretofore. The hair is also parted from the forehead nearly to the crown, that is, combed to the right & left, leaving a white stripe (naked skin) over the highest part of the head and showing the contour of the head, & the phrenological bumps of benevolence, veneration, &c. The bonnet is so placed that these bumps are very distinct & make most females' heads more round on the top than men's; they have, or ought to have, more benevolence & veneration than men, if phrenology be true.

Posture in Prayer. I have noticed for two or three years that the Congregationalists, Baptists, Methodists, & some others sit in time of prayer in many of the churches in Hartford, Boston, &c and stand in time of singing, or in some of the singings. Some complain of this sitting posture as if there is irreverent but this is nonsense. One posture is as acceptable to the deity as another "for God looketh at the heart;" not at the posture of the body. For many years people have been accustomed to sit in time of prayer at Lectures, Conference meetings, &c in our Town Hall

July 1842

Saturday 30 I went into the north or upper Meadow to look at the crops – did not go to Rainbow.

Grass – is almost all cut – I saw 5 or 6 pieces not yet mown.

Rye – is all cut but some remains in shocks in the field.

Wheat – very little to be found. I saw but one or two pieces

Oats – is generally whitish or yellowish & ready to be harvested. many were cradling oats – most of those I saw were at work on oats. A few pieces are yet green.

The above crops are all good – the season (cold in May & first half of June) was very favorable to English grain.

Indian corn – varies considerable as to forwardness – most of it is large stout corn – It is giant corn compared with the dwarfish corn between Granby and Newtown. Many pieces are near 7 feet high, and are silked out. Many others show heads but they are but little more than out, & very few silks appear. Other pieces barely show the heads; many are not fully out. The appearance is good; the growth vigorous, & color dark green.

Broomcorn – is from 2 to 5 feet high, and some may be found 6 feet high. The average is not over from 3 to 4 feet – perhaps 3½. A few panicles begin to show themselves. Broomcorn does not appear as forward as Indian corn. – There are a few pieces of both sorts where the corn is small, pale green, & unpromising – owing to exhausted land, bad husbandry, or frost – or perhaps all three.

Grasshoppers are becoming plenty in the meadow. The crops in the meadow do not yet suffer with drought apparently.

Potatoes – look finely, but the dry, hot weather is considered very unfavorable for this crop.

The drought affects the dry uplands very much, and all the crops growing on them. The gardens on sandy land are injured.

House flies are abundant; I hardly ever knew so many about. They are much more numerous here than in Boston.

Paid Mr Dane 75 cents for labor in my absence.

Borrowed of Wade Clark 50 dollars, and gave note

Sunday 31. Last night was the hottest night since I have kept a Thermometer: 78° at 9 – 76° this morning at sunrise. – Soon after sunrise the wind veered to N.W. it became cloudy & cool, and at 12½ it began to rain, and rained moderately about 2 hours – it was very refreshing. During the rain the wind was N.N.W. according to the vane, or a little W. of North. An unusual thing for rain to come from that quarter.

Mr Niles preached A.M. (from Marblehead) Mr Wiley P.M.

August 1842

Monday 1. I am preparing for Hartford.
Wrote to E. Hunt, Cummington.
Left with Apphia $1. and 5¢ —
Left with wife ... 5 dollars.

I returned to Northampton by steamboat & stage on Wednesday Sept 14, having been absent in Hartford (employed on the Revolutionary Papers by the State) six weeks. Found the family enlarged. Jane, the wife of son Sylvester, & her sister Thipata Williams, arrived here from Maine on Tuesday Sept. 6, and Sylvester himself came on Tuesday Sept. 13. Joseph H. Williams had been here in my absence and returned to Augusta. Wife, Apphia, Penimah & Albert had been here during my absence.

My Expenses were — Debt

Stage, & steamboat, & hack, down to Hartford		$1.62
do do — up to N.H.		1.12
Fixing a lock on my room		0.25
Making a new key to a carpet bag		0.38
Letter postage		0.65
Board at Mrs Dunhams 6 weeks 1½ days		15.50
Goods —		
4 spools thread 1/6. 2 beef tongues 4/6		1.00
18 lbs sugar	@ 6½c	1.17
20 yards brown cotton	@ 9½c	1.90
20 " white do	@ 15c	3.00
3 " Satinet	@ 100c	3.00
Paid J. W. balance of account (see below)		0.00
		29.59
August Paid out to get Dividend on Rail Road Shares from N. York		40
" Paid to son J. W. for Apphia (for money she had years ago)		30.00
Paid J. W. for money he let Apphia have last winter & spring		36.55
Paid J. W. for money he paid for a year's insurance on Parkman		8.04
Paid J. W. for things I got in N.Y. for wife and Penimah		3.58
Cash brought home		5.23
		$113.39

Credit

I carried down	$7.67
Rec for P. & B. R. Road Dividends	30.00
Interest 1 year on J. W's Note	18.00
J. W. overdrew Nov. 1 1841	22.13
I paid in Boston for J. W. July	5.59
J. W. had my R. Road Dividend last Feby.	30.00
	$113.39

See August 23 1842 for part of above.

I received the balance of a Note against Jason Sage, of Johnson & Goodman, Hartford, amounting to 66.76, and paid the sum over to son J. W.

August 1842

The Thermometer as kept by Peninnah in my absence till it was broken Aug. 24 — also some remarks at to Hartford, same time. Too high in the morning.

		at sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		At Hartford
Monday	1	48	71.	55	N.W.	Cool & pleasant
	2	45.	71	56	do.	cool & pleasant
	3	47	79	63	N.E.	pleasant mostly. Shower at 5
	4	56	76	62	N.E. Rain at night.	Cloudy. Rain at night. N.E.
	5	56	77	67	N.E. Rainy day.	Rainy. cool. Lightning
	6	65	85	70	S.W. Showery	Showers. warm.
Sunday	7	68	78	68	S.W. Showery	Some rain. warm
	8	67	81	67	Showers. Thund Shower.	Partly clear. warm
	9	66	79	68	Showers A.M.	Some clear. some clouds
	10	68	74	68	S.W. Cloudy	Sultry - dog-day weather.
	11	66	74	66	cloudy. drizzly	Th. Shower at 12½. cloudy
	12	63	75	62	S.E. fog. clouds	Th. Shower P.M. - cloudy [illegible]
	13	64	72	62	cloudy. some rain	Cloudy. Some rain
Sunday	14	58	75	65	Th. Sh. last night. cloudy.	Cloudy. Some rain in morning.
	15	60	82	67	Fog. clouds. warm.	Hazy. thick air - warm
	16	58	82	68.	N.E. cloudy.	Hazy. thick " many clouds
	17	67	82	69	S.W.	hazy. clouds. dim sunshine
	18	68	85	74.	S.E. cloudy. some rain.	Rain in morning. mostly clear. hot
	19	71	87	64	S.W. Clear	Mostly clear. very warm
	20	60	85	65.	Mostly clear	Clear & pleasant
Sunday	21	60	73.	58.	N.W. clear	do do
	22	48	78	58	N.E. - N.W. clear	do do.
	23	48.	81	62	N.E. - S.E. clear	Mostly clear. some haze
		1377	1792	1484		
	(at B.M.	1339)				
	24	46 at B.Meadows.				more clouds. Partly clear
	25	58 "				Rainy
	26	68 "				Mostly cloudy. warm
	27	70 "				do. do. Shower at 1. warm
Sunday	28	68 "				Th. Showers morning. Rain P.M.
	29	60 "				Fair. Clouds. rain. thunder & much fall
	30	46 "				Clear & pleasant
	31	48 "				do do. mostly.

August was sufficiently warm, though not more so than usual. There was much cloudy weather, much rain, some fog, smoke, &c. For two or three weeks, it was almost impossible to dry hay or oats; and some of the late mown grass was spoiled, & considerable oats was injured.

When I went to Hartford Aug. 1. the crops between here & Springfield were nearly the same as here. At Hartford most kinds of vegetables were in the market. Katydids began to sing the fore part of August — Watermelons were plenty in H. Aug. 20. and also plenty Sept 13th. After 2 or 3 weeks of cloudy rainy weather, there were several days of fair weather Aug. 19 and after. Conn. River was high.

Temperature of August here 23 days

At sunrise 66 — say 69 } Average
At 1 P.M. — 78 } 67 5/6
At 9 " " — 64½

The last 8 days varied but little from the first 23 — were a trifle colder — probably whole month 67°.

September 1842

		Sunrise at B. meadow	Remarks at Hartford
Thursday	1	56	Fair & pleas.t. many clouds
	2	54	Mostly clear — warm
	3	66	do. do. Th. & rain in Eve
Sunday	4	56	Clear & pleasant
	5		Heavy rain in morning
	6	48	Clear & pleasant
	7	46	do — do
	8	56	Mostly do — do
	9	56	Some rain
	10	47	Mostly clear — cool
Sunday	11	43	Cloudy — cool
	12	59	Clear — warm
	13	66	Rainy morng. Clear P.m.
	14		Cloudy (on Sday home)
	15	53	Rainy (at home
	16	52	Cloudy. some rain (home

Friday 16.

September thus far has been rainy as well as August, & rather cool. Everything, almost, is fresh & green — no signs of any frost — Indian corn is some of it out of the way of frost — perhaps most of it is too far advanced to be injured by a moderate frost; but a severe frost would injure very many pieces of corn. But few stalks cut. Broom corn would not in general be much injured by frost, except the seed; some pieces however would be damaged both as to the broom brush & the seed. Corn & broom corn were very backward in May & June, and they are not now so forward in many places at this time.

The crop of rye, oats, & grass has been good, or middling at least. Corn & broom corn promise well; potatoes not the best but a fair crop apparently. Fruits of all kinds are more plenty than for some years past, especially peaches; Apples, peaches, pears, quinces, grapes, &c. seem to be abundant on the trees. Yet they ask $1.50 a bushel for peaches. Cherries were plenty in the season of cherries; also plums have borne well, & some trees are still full. Watermelons, &c. plenty.

I have seldom known a more productive season; there is not an extraordinary crop of any thing; but almost every thing has yielded or will yield (if not hurt by frost) a good supply.

Rowen or the 2d crop of hay is past of it cut, but most of it not cut. That which is mown is suffering for want of drying weather.

Excepting about 3 weeks in July, the season has been a moist one — many showers & rainy days, & many cloudy days. A good deal of thunder & lightning — yet no very heavy rain, excepting one in this vicinity.

White or Japan Lillies are in full blossom or a little past.

Carolines or early peaches are mostly gone — yellow peaches, clingstones, &c. beginning to be mellow; fall peaches, all hard.

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Friday 16 Pecuniary matters.

My note against Perez and Geo. L. Smith, which was left with Mr Forbes for sued, was paid in my absence except 1 year's interest, which Mr. Forbes by mistake, did not put in. Note was dated Feb 21. 1840 for 140$ 58c.
He took of Smith only, 1½ years interest (instead of 2½ years)
making with principal — 153.18
He charged me for a writ (which I did not use. 1841) — 3.65
Amount received by me. (see Jan. 20. 1843) — 149.53

Brought from Hartford 5.23.
Borrowed of J. Clark. Oct. 20.00
Borrowed 79 — 26.02
$175.55

Money paid out —

	To John Clark for barrel best flour 6.25. other acct 60c	6.85.	
	To Stephen Johnson for Interest on note 1 year to Sept 15. 1842. (Son Parkman owes me for this)	6.00.	see Feb 22 1843
	Watermelon 17. vinegar 8c. peaches 38c. Salt & Cocoa 23	0.86	
	Yeast 10. Thermometer 1.00. Pitcher & Washbason 63.	1.73	
	Mending shoes 30c. peaches 25c. Silk & thread 11c	0.66	
20	15 lbs Graham flour 50c. 25 lbs Indian meal 38c	0.88	
	Lot Apphia have 1.00. Peaches 44c potatoes 10	1.54	
21	Peaches 16c. Apples 25c. Watermelon 6c. Apphia 2$	2.47	
23	Carriage hire 45c. Peaches 11c. Turnips 8c	0.64	
24	Making Pantaloons & cutting (Mrs. Dorus Clark) 75	0.75	
	Salmon 4 lbs. 50c. potatoes 10c. Cod 5c	0.65	
26	Apphia 18.00. Homoeopathic medicine 12½c	18.12½	
27	Contribution 6. Potatoes 10c. Peaches 1.13.	1.29	
28	Gingerbread 12. Sawing wood 50c. Snuff 8c	70	
29	Paid Dr Walker — 73 qts milk @ 4c	2.92	
"	Do. Do. Pin's teeth 75c. do. wife's head 75 cts	1.50	
29	Brother Parsons bill for 4 months, or since June 29 (4 months wanting 1 week).		
	1 peck beans 50c. 6½ doz. Eggs @ 9d. 81c — 1.31.		
	115 lbs butter, our 26 lbs at 14 cents, 3 lbs at 15 cts. 16 lbs at 11. — 6.76		
	5 lbs cheese @ 7c 16 lbs cheese @ 8c — 1.23		
	Potatoes 25c. 8 lbs Lard 80c — 1.05		
	10.34		
Cr.	My dividend on parsonage at W.H. — 5.70		
	Paid brother Parsons the balance — 4.64	4.64	
30	" Mr Dane, splitting wood 25c. Butter of Mrs Shepard 44	.69	
	Plums of Mrs Shepard 24. Peaches of do 12 cts	.36	
30	" Stephen Johnson for Parkman's Note, pr. 100. Int 25 cts	100.25	see Feb 22
	(Parkman owes me for this, & 6$ above).		
Oct. 1.	Paid Stod. & Lathrop for flannel for wife	1.78.	
"	" " Mr Parkins for bushel of wheat made into Graham flour	1.50	
"	" " Mr Ellsworth for between 3 & 4 cords wood	10.37	
"	" " for Postage bill last 2 quarts, & Newspapers & box next 2 quarts.	4.61	
"	" " Charges for meat to this date	2.21	
	Vinegar 8 cts. Paid Phelps girl for assisting wife 12 days 1.50.	1.58	
		175.55	

Began to have milk of Mrs. Shepard again Aug. 19 — had previous to Sept 30. — 56¼ quarts.

Westhampton Parsonage. Mr. Drury died last year, & the place was not occupied all the year. My rent on 2 shares after paying the taxes, was only $5.70, as above stated.

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Saturday 17. Thermom at sunrise 50 at 1 PM 73 at 9 ... 48	Wrote a letter to Geo. Bancroft. Son J. W. & wife & child arrived from Hartford in the afternoon.	Fair pleasant day after much rain.
Sunday 18 Thermom at sunrise 46 at 1 P.M. 70 at 9 ... 52	A stranger preached A.M. and another P.M. — Part of the family went to old meeting house; but Mrs Pomeroy & Augusta went to Unitarian meeting. — After dinner, Sylvester, Jane, Zilpah, & J. W. and Apphia (5) walked out to the Community where Hall is, intending to attend meeting there.	In clear. In cloudy A.M. mostly cloudy P.M. Some sprinkling.

The Millerites, or those who believe in the second coming of Christ, the resurrection, &c. in 1843, are making a great deal of stir & noise in the Northern States. And strange to tell, not a few converts are made; They have had great camp meetings at Chickopee, Newington below Hartford, & other places. Much is said & published on the subject.

Monday 19 Thermom at sunrise 47 at 1 P.M. 68 at 9 ... 48.	Hopkins came this afternoon — so all the children but Parkman are now here, or in the town. My venerable father died 10 years ago.	Fair with many flying clouds. Wind N. N. E. Evening bright moonlight.
Tuesday 20 Thermom. at sunrise 38 at 1 PM 66 at 9 ... 40	Walked with Zilpah Williams to S. Strut and to Mr. Whitmarsh's place. E. Hunt of Cummington here. — promised to pay 100 dollars & some interest before the first of January next.	Fair with flying clouds. Wind N. Pleasant Evening bright.
Wednesday 21. Thermom at sunrise 39 at 1 P.M. 55 at 9 ... 49	Joseph H. Williams arrived from Augusta in the night — via Springfield. A good deal of hay down & bad weather to dry it.	Fog in the morning. Cloudy. Some rain P.M. Fair towards night.
Thursday 22 Thermom. at sunrise 40 at 1 PM 54? at 9 ... 42	Myself, J. W. Albert, Sylvester & his wife, Joseph H. Williams & Apphia, Hopkins, Zilpah Williams & Permenah, rode to Easthampton, Westhampton, &c. in 3 chaises & 1 buggy — 10 of us in all. We called at Sist. Lyman's, Thira Lyman's at my father's old farm, at Doct. Hooker's at Robert's Meadow, and made a visit at Hall's at Broughtons Meadow, examining the silk factory, &c. Reached home about 8 P.M. 4 horses & vehicles cost — $6.50.	Fair with flying clouds. Strong wind prevailing. Cold & unpleasant. Woods as green as in summer. No signs of frost any where. Fields green. Some snow fell at Chesterfield &c. [Catskill Mountains white with snow.
Friday 23 Thermom. at sunrise 36 at 1 P.M. 56? at 9 ... 42	Same party as yesterday with 2 more, viz. Hall & Frances, 12 in all, rode in a sort of open omnibus to Amherst & thence to Hockanum; then 10 of us ascended Mt Holyoke on foot & descended — came home by way of the bridge before night. Cost of horses & carriage $2.66. Crops look finely in Hadley & Amherst; they have just begun to cut broomcorn — many are haying. Woods and grass fields in full green.	A clear, cool, pleasant day.

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Friday 23. Mt Holyoke gave us the usual prospect. The color of woods & mowings is bright green; of broom corn a reddish or reddish brown hue of the brush or panicles — lower part green. Indian corn in the meadows had no deep coloring, the tops being brown, & many of the leaves turned brown. Many pieces of corn are cut up, and the land sowed with rye.

The fruit trees on the east side of the river seem to be prolific this year, though less so perhaps than on the West side. Southampton, Easthampton, Westhampton, &c. seem to be more productive of fruit than the richer lands of Hadley and Amherst.

Every crop, as I have before observed, seems to be good this year, or at least, middling.

Saturday 24 — A pretty severe FROST this morning; most of tender plants are killed — no great damage done. Some corn injured, & much broom corn seed.
Thermometer at sunrise 31, at 1 P.M. 58, at 9 " " 40
Walked out to the paper Mill with Zilpah Williams.
A fine hay day & much hay got in.
A pleasant day. Not a cloud all day.

Sunday 25 — FROST more severe & killing than yesterday.
Thermom. at sunrise 30, at 1 P.M. 64, at 9 " " 41
Mr Wiley preached A.M. Mr Leavitt P.M. Some went to old church and some (of my large family) to Unitarian.
Mr Leavitt lectured on slavery on the evening, in Town Hall. I could not attend.
Delightful day. Not a cloud.

Monday 26 — Clear & pleasant. 3 cloudless day.
Thermom at sunrise 33, at 1 P.M. 65, at 9 " " 44
Some frost.

At nine o'clock this morning Daughter Apphia and Joseph H. Williams were married by Mr. Wiley. They started for Boston at 10 o'clock. There was some cake & coffee handed round — nothing else. Six of my children (all but Parkman) were present and the wives of three sons: Also Sarah H. and Jane Brown, and Julia Shepard, and two girls that were aiding us.

I have paid Apphia 100 dollars or thereabouts — which is all the marriage portion I can give her. She laid out about 40 dollars of that in clothing.

I let her have in Boston to purchase goods	40.50	
I paid her passage home	4.05	
Paid her before I went to Hartford Aug. 1	6.00	... $101.55
Paid son J. W. for money he let Aps. have years ago	30.00	
Paid Apphia since I came from Hartford	3.00	
Paid Apphia this day	18.00	

Apphia had of her school earnings at Augusta upwards of 30 dollars which she expended in Boston, besides the above 40.50.

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Tuesday 27 — Clear & Pleasant
Thermom. at Sunrise 35, at 1 P.M. 69, at 9 " " 49

Hophni & Zilpah rode to North Hadley, and ascended Mount Warner. The rest of us about home or in the village.

Wednesday 28 — Clear & Pleasant
Thermom. at Sunrise 52, at 1 P.M. 73, at 9 " " 58

Sylvester, Jane, & Zilpah left us this morning for Augusta and J. Walker & Hophni for Hartford. All went together to Springfield. S. J. & Z. expect to meet Joseph & Alfred in Boston. Elizabeth & her babe will remain here some days.

My family have all been together except C. Parkman, and they have had a pretty good time. They seemed to enjoy themselves well. Four of my children are now married, so that I have 11 children & children in law, and 2 grand-children.

It has been so cold for more than two weeks that fire has been necessary every day, and I may say, at all hours of the day, but to-day the weather is much milder. I was at Isaac Clark's in the evening.

Clear & pleasant. Warmer.

Thursday 29 — Mostly clear — some Clouds
Thermom. at Sunrise 42, at 1 P.M. 66, at 9 " " 58

FOLIAGE — Since the late frosts many trees in the mountain forests, and in the cleared lands have changed color — some are yellowish, some reddish, some brown, &c. Many yet retain their full green. Leaves are falling some.

Friday 30 — Cloudy — a little rain A.M. & P.M.
Thermometer at sunrise 54, at 1 P.M. 60, at 9 " " 54

All corn is the usual brown or whitish color of dead corn-stalks. Some of this is the effect of the frosts; some is the consequence of natural decay.

Sugar. I have purchased this year, for my small family (large of late) as follows:—

In Boston last January	40 pounds	Cost from 5 to 8 cents a pound — Total $15.21 — or a little over 7 cents per pound.
In Hartford " January & Sept.	58 "	
In Northampton " July	14. "	
In do — September — 12 lbs. 47 lbs. 45 lbs	104 "	
	216 "	

As much as 115 lbs now on hand — including some on hand Jan. 1. 1842.

Molasses. I have just purchased 10 gallons best P.R. Molasses at 31 cents. I have used this year about 10 gallons.

Wood. I have purchased 4 cords of wood, so called — about 3½ or 3¾ cords in fact. Had old wood to last till Oct. 1 or 5. Hard wood is called 3 dollars a cord; soft wood 2.00 & 2.25. Owing to deficiency in length, I paid Mr. Ellsworth for the 4 cords of wood $10.37. Oct. 1. Hall present.

Temperature of last 14 days in Sept. here.

At sunrise $40\frac{11}{14}$, at 1 P.M. $64\frac{1}{14}$, at 9 " " $47\frac{7}{14}$ } average $50\frac{33}{42}$ } The whole month at sunrise was about 47. — Perhaps whole month average was 56 or 7

September, the last half, was unusually cold.

October 1842

Saturday 1 — Preparing to go to Hartford. — Morning foggy. Next clear & pleasant. Very fine day.

Thermom. at sunrise 44, at 1 P.M. 70, at 9 " " 55

I borrowed of Isaac Clark 15 dollars — had of him July 30. 50¢.

I gave him an order to draw my Bank Dividend next week, but took of him towards this 20 dollars, which he charged on book. He has my note for the 50¢ and 15 dollars. (The 20 dollars is noticed 2 leaves back).

Paid out of the 15 dollars — viz.

To balance account 2 leaves back	0.79
Mr Coats, sawing 3 cords wood (twice mostly)	1.77
Cash for Shoes for Pennimah	1.12
Cash for Thread 30¢ (Sundries 9¢ to be deducted)	" 21
Contribution 6¢. Left with wife 3 dollars	3.06
Paper 6¢ Splitting wood 16¢	22
	7.17

Remaining $7.83

Brother Samuel Hall, who has been absent from New England 10 years, returned a few weeks since, and is now here. Since he left us, he has been through Marietta College, and Lane Theological Seminary — has preached some — has long been an active & zealous abolitionist.

Sunday 2 — Mr. Wiley preached A.M. & P.M. — Fine day. Mostly clear.

Thermom. at sunrise 49, at 1 P.M. 69, at 9 " " 45

The night noise now is only the singing of the crickets raising & falling their mournful voice. Very few birds are seen or heard, even on pleasant days. Nuts are plenty, and squirrels also, it is said.

Monday 3 — Morning spent in preparation for Hartford. — Clear & pleasant

Thermom. at sunrise 45, at 1 P.M. 67, at 9 " " 49

Went to Hartford by stage to Springfield $1.00, and by steamboat from Springfield 50¢ 12½ cents — so all expense down was only 1⅛ dollar.

I remained in Hartford till Friday, Jany 13. 1843 about 14½ weeks; and then returned by stage on wheels partly west side & partly east side of the river — fare $2.25. The snow was nearly all gone about Hartford, but most of the land is covered here, and many people go in sleighs, though the sleighing is bad.

When I went to Hartford Oct 3. many people were haying; there was a great crop of sowen; though rather late. The Forests were variegated by the autumn frosts; but few leaves had fallen.

October to January 1842–43.

I charged the Committee for arranging public papers for 104 days work (most of the days short could work only 7 or 8 hours) 117 dollars. I completed only 33 volumes — some other are partially arranged.

Expenses of these 33 Volumes —

My bill for labor	117.00
Mr Hudson's bill of paper	26.38
Mrs Sage's bill for pasting	31.20
Mr. Stillman's bill for binding & paste	66.78
Coal & charcoal 3.28. fixing a lock 25	3.53
1 Twin blue paper 4/	0.33
	245.22
I received also (to make even) which I am to account for $4.78	4.78
	$250.00

My expenses &c.

		Receipts	
Going down to Hartford, Stage & boat	1.13	Money which I started (see preceding page)	7.83
Mrs Dunhams bill of board 14 weeks, 3 days @ 15/. week	36.08	of Committee	117.00
washing	0.42	for a lock and the lock I had from Aug.	0.25
Bought Goods of John Wing, over cloth for coat & pantaloons; 32 yds cotton, Thread, Stockings, Silk, diaper, &c	15.88	of Son J. W.	0.28
Pencil, pens, postage, matches, soap, paper and ticket for Bancroft's lecture	1.16	of Committee overpaid	4.78
Stage fare from Hartford to NH	2.25		130.14
	56.92	Exp. deducted.	56.92
{Borrowed 60 dolls of J.W. and repaid him.}		Brought home money.	$73.22

Rec'd for ashes sold last spring viz. 16 bushels @ 14c — 2.24

1843 Paid Bills after I returned.

		$
Jany. 14.	Postage for quarter to Jan 1. 1843.	1.86
	Mr. Hillyers bill of Goods, 1842.	10.18
	Stoddard & Lathrop do do "	6.03
	E. Powers do do "	3.61
	Thayer's bill of meat "	0.83
	Paid Butler for book for Albert 1.00 Deducted Sylvester Sampson 60 old. 80	0.20
	Mrs Shepards Milk bill — 56¼ qts Aug 19 to Sept 29. 77¼ Sept 29 to Jan 14. inc. 133½ qts at 4 cents	5.34
Jan 16	Paid Mr Turner for Evangelist for 1843.	2.00
	Snuff 8c pitcher 14. letter 10c	0.32
Jan 18.	Brother Parsons acct from Oct 1. to this date: — 18 lbs. Butter @ 1/. 3.06. 17 lbs butter @ 15c 2.55; 9 lbs cheese @ 8c 0.72. 2½ B. Potatoes @ 1/. 0.83; 8 lbs Fowls @ 8c 0.64. 3 doz Eggs @ 1/. 0.50; 9¼ lbs fresh Pork @ 6. 0.55. 6 lbs Sausages @ 10 0.60; 10 lbs Lard @ 10c 1.00.	10.38
18	Paid for 12½ lbs beef @ 3½ cents	0.44
19	" balance of acct to E. Hancock	1.18
20	Combs 10. Velvet 11c	21
	Wm. Cook let me have 1 bbl flour 5.50. I gave him up old note due 6 — called 3.50. So paid him cash 2 dollars	2.00
	Carried to Jan. 20, forward.	44.58

Mrs Shepards Milk account began again Jan 15. 1843.

See 3 leaves forward.

October 1842 to January 1843.

		Thermometer &c. as noted by Penimanship				Remarks At Hartford —
		Sunrise,	1 PM.	9 PM.		
Monday	Oct 3.	45.	67.	49	clear	— — —
Tuesday	4	38		44	do	Clear & pleasant. cool
	5	33		39	do	" do "
	6	30.	55.	38	Do. heavy frost.	" do "
	7	33.	62.	50	do	" do "
	8	42.	69	58.	do	" Do warm
Sunday	9	56.	74.	54	variable	Variable — do
	10	45	61	40	clear	clear & pleasant — mostly
	11	33	63	47	do	" do "
	12	53	60	45	do	Do. Windy. dusty.
	13	34	58	38	halo round moon	Do
	14	31	63	63	partly cloudy	Mostly clear. not all
	15	54	58	48	Rainy a.m.	rained in night pt clear — pt cloudy
Sunday	16	44.	60	54	Cloudy	Mostly clear.
	17	50	59	38		Do "
	18	35	52.	59		mostly cloudy. Rained at night
	19	41	52	38		Clear. cold
	20	34	48	38	variable	Clear
	21	30	51	38	variable	do
	22	30	59	48	cloudy. rained at night	Cloudy.
Sunday	23	48.	52.	40		mostly clear. Rain at night
	24	34			Pin. sick	1/2 clear 1/2 cloudy
	25	54	60	49		Mostly clear
	26	40.	52	34		Do
	27	26.	59	34	clear	do
	28	27	49	32	do	Do
	29	28	58	36	cloudy.	Do.
Sunday	30	30	54.	36	Do	Cloudy
	31	31.	52.	34	do	Quite smoky — sun red & shorn of beams
		1109				
November						
Tuesday	1	30	54.	39	cloudy	Clear of clouds. Smoky
	2	38.	53	37	clear	Do Do
	3	26.	44	30	do	Do Do. cold
	4	22	47	31	do	clear & cold
	5	26	34	37	hazy	do. warmer
Sunday	6	29	57	44	cloudy.	1/2 cloudy Do. Smoky.
	7	41	59	40	hazy	1/2 Do Do — do
	8	41		39	rainy	Rainy
	9	38	45	41	Rainy — clear at 10.	Rainy. Thunder in Evening
	10	32.	58	35	variable	mostly Clear
	11	36	48	34	clear	Do do
	12	27	44	38	rainy P.M.	Rainy —
Sunday	13	34	52	38	cloudy	cloudy
	14	34	52	43	cloudy	some rain
	15	35	46	32	clear	mostly fair — pleasant.
	16	30	45.	35	cloudy	cloudy. Little rain.
	17	24	41	35	cloudy — rain	mostly cloudy. Rain at
	18	39	40	31	cloudy	mostly clear, turn. cold. 1 night
	19	24	39	33	clear	clear & cold. froze hard last night
Sunday	20	29.	37.	32	clear	clear & cold
	21	27	37	29	variable	Do
	22	16	36	23	clear	do
	23	17	41	31	cloudy	do
	24	33.	36.	36	Snowed, first snow, 1 1/2 in.	Rain at H. Snow on hills.
	25	22	37.	32	variable	clear — Hills white
	26	31		28	clear	do
Sunday	27	28.	32.	27		1/2 cloudy. Windy
	28	16.	27	20	clear	clear & cold. River closed.
	29	14.	25.	18.	clear	clear & cold.
	30	16.	28.	28	cloudy. Snow P.M. & night. (10 inches Snow here)	Cloudy A.M. Snow P.M. & night (3 or 4 inches)
		855		1005		

October was a very pleasant month.

November was mild till the night of 19th — then froze hard: no hard freezing at Hartford till that night. Rest of November pretty cold.

First Snow Nov. 24. First snow for sleighing Nov 30.

October Average	at sunrise, 31 days	$38\frac{4}{5}$	Average $47\frac{1}{10}$	November	at sunrise	$28\frac{1}{2}$	Average $35\frac{1}{9}$
	at 1 PM. 28 "	$58\frac{4}{5}$			at 1 PM.	$43\frac{1}{2}$	
	at 9 " " 30 "	$43\frac{7}{10}$			at 9 " "	$33\frac{1}{2}$	

October to January 1842—43.

December at Hartford. Poinnah broke the thermometer on the first day of December — No record was kept here till after my return.

	At Hartford.	At Northampton.
Dec — 1	Sleighing.	Snow at N.H. 10 inches up. Forbes
2	Clear	
3	Clear	
Sunday 4	mostly cloudy	
5	cloudy. smoky	Little Rain at N.H.
6	mostly clear	
7	do do	
8	Some snow & rain	1 inch Forbes, at N.H
9	cloudy. drizzly	
10	mostly Clear	
Sunday 11	Mostly cloudy some clear	
12	do "	
13	Snowy.	1½ inch at N.H. Forbes
14	clouds & clear. Sleighing	
15	clear	
16	clouds & clear.	
17	do do.	
Sunday 18	do do	
19	do do	
20	Clear	
21	Rainy	Rain at N.H.
22	mostly clear — some clouds	
23	do "	
24	do "	
Sunday 25	do "	
26	do ½ "	
27	Cloudy — some clear	
28	clear	
29	cloudy — at night 8 inches snow	At N.H. 12 or more inches. Forbes cold day
30	clear — fine sleighing.	night of 29th & 30th. Th. below 10° all day — . . . very cold do
31	" do	— — — — — — " " do —

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Jan 1.	Clear	
2	Cloudy — 1 or 2 inches snow —	1 inch at N.H — at 0° at 9 A.M. 15° at 2: 9° at sunset
3	mostly clear — the night very cold. . . .	
4	½ clear — cold	Fowle's ther. 13° below 0 at sunrise, at 2 P.M 24° at sunset 15°. Forbes " 2 " " at 9 A.M.
5	Not so cold.	
6	cloudy, thawy	Thaw do . . 10 at sunrise 30 at 2: 22 at sunset. 33 " 48 at 2: 36° "
7	do do	
Sunday 8	do do. Little rain	Little rain N.H.
9	do do	
10	clear do Little rain	Little rain N.H.
11	clear do. Snow mostly gone River broke up;	broke up at N.H.
12	cloudy. thawy	some rain N.H.
13	do do — rain before sunrise.	Rain N.H.

After a thaw of 8 or 9 Days, it turned colder the night of the 13th. This January Thaw has been attended with but little rain. A large share of the snow has gone here, though considerable remains. Almost all gone at Hartford. The ice is gone from the rivers, but they have not been raised so high as in some past years. No great damage done. Thaw began Jan 6th.

January 1843.

The Flood. There has been a January thaw, and breaking up of the Connecticut every year, for some years past. The ice on the Connecticut broke up at Hartford on the morning of January 11th; and at Northampton the night following, for the next morning. The ice at first formed a dam near Rock Ferry, or the new cut, which raised the water above, to a great height, covering the meadows and lodging great masses of ice on the land, and bringing some into Hockanum Street. This dam did not long remain, but went off & the water fell. It was not so high as in 1841. The ice this year is from 8 to 12 inches thick; some of it thicker. —

The Snow — more has fallen here than at Hartford this winter, and more on the Western Hills than here. It has been more than a foot deep here, and nearly or quite two feet on the Hills. It snowed at Hartford & here on the same days. —

Produce — has seldom been lower than now in this country. Cotton was never so low — in New York 5½ to 8 cents. — a little up to 9 of late. Pork at Cincinnati 1.50 to 2.00 per 100 pounds: Wheat at Cincinnati 50 cents — other things in proportion. In places more remote from market prices are still lower. Pork in New York 4½ to 4½ cents and in Boston 4½ and 5 cents. Beef at Brighton from $3 to 4.50 per hundred — never lower, Flour in N York 4½ to 4.68. At Northampton, broom brush brings only 3 or 3½ cents: corn 50 cents; oats 30 cents; rye has been sold at 50 cents but more is commonly asked both for that & corn. Stall fed cows & oxen 3.75 to 4.00: steers & heifers 3 dollars & some higher. Butter 14. Pork 4 to 5 cents. — Corn is sold as high as 58 cents and higher; & rye at 62 to 67, but only small quantities are sold at those prices

The low prices proceed from several causes; one is, the circulating medium is greatly diminished, many banks having exploded, and others restraining their issues. The crops are very great in most parts of the country. The Manufacturing establishments are doing less than heretofore; the tariff seems not to have enhanced the price of goods, or the demand for them. The business doing in the country is much less than it was; yet full enough for its permanent prosperity. We are now slowly recovering from the prosperous times, as they were called, of 1835, 36, 37, &c: when money was so plenty & prices so high. The present depressed prices, though ruinous to many who are in debt, tend much more to the abiding prosperity of the country than did the high priced speculating times, when the country was flooded with bank bills. Those were in fact ruinous times. Most of the states are heavily in debt; some will pay, and some never will. Individuals are much in debt though the Bankrupt law has wiped off debts to the amount of many millions. Men without property are numerous — probably more so than ever before in this country.

January 1843.

Weather at Augusta, Maine — reported in the Kennebec Journal.

November had 18 days wholly fair: 5 partly fair: 7 all cloudy. Snow or rain fell on 11 days: Snow fell Nov 8. 13. 24. 27. Rain fell Nov 6. 9. 10. 11. 15. 18. Thermometer was highest Nov 18 viz. up to 52; lowest 28th viz down to 11.

Average at sunrise $30\frac{1}{2}$
at 2 PM. $39\frac{2}{}$
at 9 " " $33\frac{1}{5}$ } average $34\frac{2}{10}$ — Only 1 degree colder than Northampton

December had 11 days wholly fair: 4 partly fair; 6 wholly cloudy. Snow or rain fell on 9 days; Snow fell Dec 1. 9. 11. 16. 18. 19. 30 Rain fell Dec 21st and 22d. Thermometer was highest Dec. 5. viz. 42°; it was lowest on the morning of 29th viz. 6 below zero; was 5 below morning of 24th & 11 below on morning of 13th.

Average at sunrise $16\frac{1}{3}$
" at 2 PM. $24\frac{1}{3}$
" at 9 " " $18\frac{2}{3}$ } average $19\frac{2}{3}$. — degrees colder than N. Hampton

The two months had evidently more fair days on the Kennebec than on the Connecticut — if rightly reported — and November was about as warm there as here. More difference in December.

Cotton. I bought 32 yards in Hartford at 6 cts yard, $2.67. 16 yards of the stoutest weighed 5¼ lbs — so cost 26 cents per lb.
16 yards of the finest weighed 4¼ lbs — so cost 31 cents per lb

Hadley Minister. The attempt of Dr. Woodbridge and some of the old clergymen to prevent the settlement of Mr. Martin by the East or first Parish in Hadley, merely because he was a Taylorite, so called, has made a good deal of talk. The first council, which convened Jan. 4. broke up without ordaining him. The parish then determined to have a council that would ordain him, & succeeded. A large council assembled on Wednesday Jan. 18. President Allen of this town made some opposition, mostly in reference to some informalities of the Council, but finally withdrew, and the rest of the Council accepted Mr. Martin and ordained him January 19th. — The two parishes in Hadley are not on very amicable terms.

Weather at Newburyport — (hours of observation not stated)

December 1842 average $32\frac{1}{2}$ deg: Dec. 1841. $34\frac{1}{4}$
December 1827, the warmest in 25 years — $39\frac{1}{2}$
December 1837. the coldest in 25 " — $22\frac{3}{4}$.
Average of year 1842 — $49\frac{1}{10}$°. do of 1841 — $48\frac{1}{2}$ deg.
(The above is not of much value — seems erroneous.

January 1843.

Saturday 14. Was colder than previous 8 days: some clear, some cloudy.

Sunday 15 Was colder, but thawed some. Some clear some cloudy.
Mr David Stoddard preached A.M. Mr Bement E.H. in P.M.
Afternoon was pleasant. — Mr J. Clark's in evening.

Monday 16 Clear & pleasant. Thawed a little.
Cousin Samuel here in the evening —

Tuesday 17. Clear & pleasant. Thawed a little
Wrote letters to Eleazar Judd, Spencer L. Rhode,
Sherman Clark, Ebenr. Hunt, Mrs Wait-Whatly.

Wednesday 18. Clear & pleasant. Thawed considerably.
More sleighs than waggons running as yet.
Brother Parsons and wife here.
Wrote a letter to Rev. David D. Field of Huddam
in reply to his of Jan. 3d.

Thursday 19. Cloudy. Thawy.

Friday 20. Clear & pleasant. Warmest day this winter.
Much water running in the streets.
Bought a Thermometer 88 cents.

Thermometer at sunrise ...
at 1 P.M 54
at 9 " " 32

This spring-like day was warmer at 1 P.M. than any day in January for some years. Wind N.N.W.
This has been so far a very mild January, except 4 or 5 of the first days — more so than last year.

Crows are plenty to-day. It is said they come from the Pine woods W and N.W. of the village every day during the winter (except quite stormy days) and alight on the meadow & spend most of the day there in search of food, &c. except when the weather is extremely cold, & their visits are shorter then. These visits to the meadow are made when the snow is deep as well as at other times — so some affirm who live near the meadow.

Hawks — a kind of hawks appear in the meadow, apparently in search of mice, moles, &c; towards spring, or when the snow is going off — sometimes earlier, sometimes later. They have been seen in the meadow for several days past, which is very early for them to appear.

The Democrats are greatly rejoiced at the election of their governor, &c. They will probably get possession almost of the State offices, but whether they will adopt any real Democratic measures is uncertain — time will show. They are about as selfish as the whigs

— Crows —

Saturday 21. The Crows flew over towards the meadow this morning about half past 7. I saw them returning last evening about half past 4.

Monday 23 On the way to Silk Factory, I noticed 200 or 300 Crows flying about near the Pine Woods. There must be a great number of these birds in this vicinity.

January 1843.

My Expenses — 1843 — from 3 leaves back			44	58
Jan.	20.	Paid Mr Dane for labor in my absence	3.	54
	"	Mr Shepard about 2 cords wood ½ soft, & the rest not first rate	4.	25
	"	Mr S. for sawing do. 1.20. & 20c	1.	40
	"	Mrs. for 2 Sunday School books	0.	23.
	21	" John Fowle for Thermometer	0.	88
	24	" for Buttons 6c — for letter 6c	0.	12
	"	to John A. Judd for services to be done	1.	00.
	27	" for paper & quills 9c. mending tub 11c	0.	20
	30	" for crackers 10. for Pippin. 5c	0	15
Feb	3	Settled again with Brother Parsons. for 3 lbs butter 45. 3¼ lbs cheese 26c. 1 peck beans 33. 1 bushel Potatoes 33 11½ lbs Spareribs 69. — paid him —	2.	06.
	3	paid Silas Smith for mending Table	0.	50
	"	S. & L. for 3 skeins (½ lb) Woolen yarn	0.	57.
	4	" for Vinegar 8c. cotton check 28c	0.	36
	7	" Buttons for coat 14c. British Oil 13c	0.	27
	10	" Cutting coat by Mr Kingsley	0	75
	11	" Mr Coats for sawing wood	1.	10
	"	" Pennin. 3cts. Letter 3cts. Mend pail 6c	0.	12
	13	" for yeast 15cts. Cheese 18c	0	33
	18	" Washwoman 56c.	0.	56
	21	" Dod. Walker for filling & pulling Pennin's teeth	4.	37
	21	" for eggs, butter, isinglass, & crackers	0	59
	22	" Mrs Louis Clark for making a coat	2	50
	"	" " " for cutting & making pantaloons	0.	75
	23	Geo. Shepard house rent to April 10 1843 70		
	"	" Pen rent to Nov. 1. 1842 5.		
	"	Hay to this date 0.50		
		75.50	75.	00.
		Deduct for hay before due 50		
	24	Paid Coates for sawing wood	1.	15
March	1.	Pennin 18c. Sharpening knives &c 7	0.	25
		14 lbs Buckwheat flour @ 3c	0.	42
		yeast 5. Washwoman 58c. Cutting wood 35	0.	98
		Paid Mr Rankin for removing a marble stone to his yard, long since	1.	00
	9	Paid Mr Shepard for hay 25. ½ bushel I. meal 31.	0.	56
	10	" for sawing wood 33. yeast 5c	0.	38
	13	" Hamp. Gazette for me & Syles. for 1842	3.	00	153. 92

Receipts.

Jan.		Brought from Hartford — see 3 leaves back.	$ 73.	22
		Received for ashes — see do "	2.	24.
Feb	3.	Rec'd of Gideon & Jona. Pomeroy	$ 10.	00
Feb	22	Rec'd of C. E. Forbes, balance of Pennrent & Geo. L. Smith's note (see Sept 16. 42)	8.	50
	22.	Rec'd of son C. Parkman	200.	293. 96

See March 16.

January 1843.

Saturday 21. Thermometer at sunrise 33 at 1 P.M. 50 at 9 " " 39

Another warm day. Cloudy morning till after 9 — and cloudy about noon. More than half the day clear. Wind W. & S.W.

Sunday 22 Thermometer at sunrise 41 at 1 P.M. 44 at 9 " " 31

Still warm & thawy — though more cool. Fair with flying clouds Sleighing is almost done, though the greater part of fields are still covered with snow. Wind W. & N.W.

Mr Wiley preached A.M. and P.M. He preached A.M. on the sick and the poor, & advanced the sentiment commonly used, that all the distinctions in society were from God. This is true in one sense, but no more true of society here than in China, Russia, or the Slave States. Many of the distinctions & inequalities among men come from the selfishness, the avarice & ambition of those who call themselves upper class, who have governed the world for their own benefit, and not for the advantage of the many.

Monday 23 Thermometer at sunrise 30. at 1 P.M. 41 at 9 " " 32

Walked out to Broughtons Meadow to see Hall and Francis. Found her unwell — miscarried last night. The community folks seem to feel well, and I hope they will do well, but their affairs are not so prosperous as could be wished, and never have been. For the last year, they have been able to pay 6 cents per hour to both male & female laborers and the interest on the money they owe; but not a cent of dividend to the stockholders, or those who have invested money there. They hope to do better another year.

½ clear. ½ cloudy Wind N.W. in pt Still Thawy.

Tuesday 24 Thermometer at sunrise 38 at 1 P.M. 42 at 9 " " 28

The great flock of crows in the pine woods, near road to Silk Factory (in old Wolf-pit swamp) are very noisy every morning, and at other times.

½ cloudy. ½ clear Wind N.W. Still thawy.

Wrote to John A. Judd & enclosed a dollar. Have agreed to buy Eleazar Judd's wool and give him 5 cents more than the market price because I wish to secure my debt somehow.

Rivers. Steamboats have passed between Albany and New York — they began January 22. The Connecticut is navigable. Boats cross at Hockanum Ferry.

Wrote to Joel Parsons and Geo. & Jona. Pomeroy. Sent by Alfred Judd a note against Rufus Pearl who now lives at Cabotville — there is due on it, Principal 2.84, interest 2.16 = $5.00 —

January 1843.

Wednesday 25
Thermometer
at sunrise 22
at 1 P.M. 38
at 9 " " 21

Real Estate — is said to have fallen 50 per cent. in & about New York since 1836 — & in some other places. In Boston & Hartford there has been but little fall. In this town & vicinity but few farms have been sold recently. Where sales have taken place the fall has not been great, but few or none can sell farms or lands at the prices they ask. Should a large quantity of land be thrown into the market the depreciation would be considerable. Meadow land will fall less than most other land, but that must suffer considerable reduction from the price in 1837, if the present low prices of produce continue.

Clear at sunrise but Cloudy most of the day Wind N.E. in, it. Thawing a little.

The low prices of grain &c. have affected the Western lands and many who have bought farms & lands and paid for half will lose all they have paid. There is in some of the states heavy taxation also.

Thursday 26
Thermometer
at sunrise 14
at 1 P.M. 30
at 9 " " 15

The crows passed over this morning a little after 7 — towards the meadow. In afternoon was in S. Meadow some time, aiding Edwin Kingsley about some land.

Clear — no clouds Fine sky — Pleasant. Little or no thawing. Wind N.N.E. Cold

Friday 27
Thermometer
at sunrise 14
at 1 P.M. 31
at 9 " " 28

Wrote to Ebenr. Clapp Jr. at Custom House, Boston, but of Dorchester, about the Clapps. I was at his house 2 or 3 times, in Dorchester, in July last.

Cloudy & cold Wind N.E.

Saturday 28
Thermometer
at sunrise 28
at 1 P.M. 30
at 9 " " 26

The crows flew over towards the meadow about sunrise. Their reported daily visits to the meadow seem to be correct.

Some hail in the night. A little snow, hail and rain to day, which covered the ground with ice. Wind N. Cold.

Wool. Cousin Eleazar Judd owed me 300 dollars — Jan. 25th. I proposed to him by letter a few days since to buy his wool and give him 5 cents per pound more than the present price, or 5 cents per pound more than the price next season, or 5 cents per pound more than he gets for his next shearing. I made this proposition on account of the state of his affairs, and my own absence so much of the time that I cannot attend to my debts here. He accepted the offer, to let me have the wool on one of the propositions. I made I made John A. Judd my agent, to see to the weighing of the wool, & receive it of Eleazar & get him to store it for me. John A. Judd sent in the bill to-day — The wool was weighed Jan. 25. and bill of sale dated that day, for 265 fleeces, 725 pounds, called 42 cents per lb — $304.50. which sum I indorsed on Eleazar's notes.

See Sept 8. 1843. June 23. 1847.

January 1843.

Sunday 29 Thermometer at sunrise 11 at 1 PM 30 at 9 " " 14	Tract Agent preached A.M. Mr Allen ——— P.M. Mr. Wiley's letter asking for a dismission was read — this is the 2d time he has made such a request. He thinks he is not adapted & fitted to supply the wants of so large a parish, &c.	Clear & pleasant Wind N.N.E. cold.
Monday 30 Thermometer at sunrise 8 at 1 PM 34 at 9 " " 21	Hawks & Crows. Some say that hawks appear in the meadow all winter, instead of a part & are the same kind that catch chickens. Some say that crows visit the meadows for corn left on the stalks, and not for mice, moles, &c, and that they are not regular in their visits. I am inclined to think that both hawks & crows visit the meadow chiefly when the ground is wholly or partially bare, & not when the snow is deep.	Mostly clear. Wind, in course of the day, changed from N.N.E. to S.E. and round to S.W.
Tuesday 31 Thermometer at sunrise 29 at 1 PM. 38 at 5 " " 48 at 9 " " 48		Cloudy. drizzly A.M. Rainy from E.S.E P.M. and evening. Wind A.M. N.E. The wind from E.S.E was very strong towards night, and in evening. There must be a heavy gale at SEA.

Two funerals to day — widow of Asahel Phelps, and wife of Simeon Clapp.

Meeting to day of Church in regard to Mr Wiley. Mr. Willis too much blamed by some for finding fault with Mr Wiley, and complaining to him. He calls Mr Wiley "inefficient" — some truth in this.

January has been a mild month this year, as well as two years past — There was some severe weather the first week, & some quite cold in the last 7 days.

The Thermometer was as follows the 12 last days of January

At sunrise	$25\frac{2}{12}$	Average $30\frac{7}{10}$	Probably the average of the whole month was below 30 — perhaps 28 to 29 —
At 1 P.M.	$38\frac{2}{12}$		
At 9 " "	$27\frac{11}{12}$		

There was ploughing in Maryland & other states in January.
Grasshoppers appeared at Woodbridge near New Haven.

February 1843.

Wednesday 1. The wind ceased in the night, and it cleared off in part; but it is cloudy again this morning.
Thermometer at sunrise 34. at 1 PM 38 at 9 " " 22. The wind was S. and S.W. in the morning, and varied between S.W. & N.W. the rest of the day. It snowed gently most of the day, in large flakes some as large as cents — seemed like a blackbird snow in the Spring — about 2 inches fell — some of it melted.

Cotton was never so low in this country and England as now, though it has been almost as low in England once or twice before, some years ago. A writer in the Boston Daily Advertiser says there was an unusual quantity on hand in England Jan. 1. 1843, and that the price must be still lower, unless there should be a smaller crop than usual, or an increased consumption. He does not expect either of these.

This writer says we buy less of England now than we sell to her; and that 20 millions of specie will be received from England owing to the state of the exchanges. He says 100 pounds of gold here will purchase paper that will procure 104 or 105 pounds of Gold in England, that is, the exchange is 4 or 5 per cent against England.

[England having altered her tariff a year or two since, we now send to England pork, beef, ham, lard, butter cheese, &c; but we could not send them, if the price was not very low here; They go from the western states mostly.]

Over 100 millions of our State & city debts are due in England and though several states do not pay their interest; yet this writer estimates that the interest of those which pay, including some principal, will amount to about 5 or 6 millions a year, which must be sent to England and no return received. Some English interest is payable in this country, but it amounts to the same in the end.

The sale of these state stocks in England occasioned the importation of upwards of 100 millions of dollars in goods which would not & could not have been imported had it not been for this sale of stocks in England. Ruin and disgrace have ensued to individuals and states.

This writer estimates the crop of cotton in U.S. 1840, 1,634,945 bales
Do " " 1841. 1,683,574. "

In this country less cotton was manufactured in 1842 than in some preceding years, and still less will be done in 1843. There is a superabundance of manufactured cotton on hand.

February 1843.

Thursday 2. Parsonage. The Westhampton parsonage has been sold to the minister Mr. Coggin for 800 dolls. It cost originally about 1300 dollars, in 13 shares. The company bought 1 share & so reduced the shares to 12. I owned two of these 12 shares, or 1/6 of the whole, (a trifle more than 1/6, for the shares were not equal.) I signed the deed to-day, but have not received any pay or note, the business not being yet completed. The deed is not to be given up till the notes are given, &c. The notes are to be dated May 15. 1842, on interest. My part of the 800 dollars is $136, 20c. [See Apr. 16. 1843.

A Justice Court (S. Wells, Esq.) to determine a controversy between some quarrelsome men in N.W. part of Westhampton. Many Westhampton people in as evidences, &c. The snow of yesterday makes poor sleighing.

This has been a very cold day; the wind has been high most of the day from N.W. Some clouds and some haze, but mostly fair. There was a bright sunset. — The forenoon was the most severe; the thermometer falling from 12 to 8. After 11 it rose some. There is usually not more than 3 or 4 days in the course of the winter colder than this day has been. Last winter only two colder. Some winters 6 or 8 colder, or more. I refer more particularly to cold about the middle of the day, and not to sunrise or 9 P.M.

Thermom.
At sunrise 12
at 11 A.M. 8
at 1 P.M. 12
at 6 " " 7.
at 9 " " 4

Peninnah has had several teeth filled with gold leaf, &c. and some teeth extracted by Doct. Walker, yesterday and to-day. — These dentist bills, now so large in the community, were unknown in this part of the country 30 or 40 years ago; and there were but few 20 years ago.

Friday 3. Wrote a letter to sons, Hartford. Mostly clear A.M. Cloudy P.M. Wind N.E. 1/4 inch snow in the night.

Thermom.
At sunrise 2
at 1 P.M. 24
at 9 " " 20

The Connecticut is yet open, & rather high. Considerable ice floating on it. At Charles Starkweather's in evening.

Saturday 4 Clear at first. Next fog came on. Clear again before noon and in P.M. Wind N.E. &c. Thawed a little.

Thermom.
at sunrise 10
at 1 P.M. 31.
at 9 " " 19

My Pew. I still have a pew in the Gallery of Westhampton M. House. This day leased it to P.S. Marsh for one year from this date, for 2 dollars. He brought half a cord of wood which pays $1.50 of the two dollars. I resumed the liberty of selling it — to give him the first offer.

Had a load of wood of S.L. Rhodes, by Warham Kingsley, 90 feet and indorsed it on Rhodes' note $2.10.

February 1843.

Sunday 5 — A driving snow storm from the N.N.E. (or almost N.) began about 10 A.M. and continued all day and evening, in the old fashioned way.
Thermometer at Sunrise 17, at 1 P.M. 25, at 9 " " 26
Mr Erastus Clapp preached all day. Mr Wiley absent.

Monday 6 — The Talk. The principal topics are 1st Mr Wiley's asking for dismission. It is generally supposed he will leave. He has few or no enemies, and not many warm friends. He has usually preached two well written, elaborate sermons, and has done little besides that. Mr. Williston & other active, zealous men would be glad of a different man.
Thermom at Sunrise 25, at 1 P.M. 27, at 9 " " 13
Snow is 6 or 8 inches deep on a level. Snowing ceased in the night — day mostly cloudy — some clear. Wind N.W. blew hard in Evening.

2. Politics. 3d, Low prices and hard times. 4th Millerism. 5th Revival in Williamsburg. 6 Temperance. 7th Political abolition. &c.
8 A few converse about Animal Magnetism.
9 Scarlet fever among children for months past, and in connection with this, Homœopathy is discussed, and Cold water, and the doctors generally. The faith of people in physicians and in the old methods of cure is growing less and less, but still remains much too strong, and in many cases, faith in quacks takes its place. There is an abundance of quackery in the regular physicians.

Tuesday 7 — Not much moving to day — the roads filled with snow drifts especially on the hills —
Thermometer at sunrise 8, at 1 P.M. 17, at 9 " " 18.
Snow drifted by last night's blow. Clear and cold. Wind W. N.W.

Wife fell & hurt her foot yesterday, and is quite lame to day.

Wednesday 8. — Hall and Francis here to-day. Their "Association" or Community as in Badodor in the vicinity, on account of some of their religious principles & practices.
Thermometer at Sunrise 8, at 1 P.M. 16, at 9 " " 12
Mostly Clear A.M. more clouds P.M. Wind W.N.W. Very cold.

Post riders got through to-day from Chester, Chesterfield, & Buckland but there are no roads in those directions as yet. There was a great blow on the hills, and it is not yet over. The cars of Tuesday did not get through from Boston to Springfield till this morning.

Thursday 9 — Wrote to J.W. in regard to son Parkman — have heard nothing from P. since November last.
Mr. Warner & wife here in the Evening.
Thermometer at Sunrise 6 below 0, at 1 P.M. 22 above, at 9 " " 7 "
Clear & cold. Wind W.N.W.

Friday 10 — Mr Talcott of Glastenbury called here.
At Isaac Clark's in evening.
Letter from Edw Clapp of Dorchester, informing me that I am elected a Cor. Member of the Dorchester Historical Society.
Thermometer at sunrise 11 below 0, at 1 P.M. 16 above, at 9 " " 15 "
Clear A.M. Cloudy P.M. Wind N.E. & A.M. veered to S.W. P.M.

February 1843.

Saturday 11
Thermometer
at Sunrise 27
at 10 AM 32
at 1 PM 39
at 9 ... 21

The weather has moderated. It hailed last night and this morning about an inch in depth; then as the Mercury went up, there was some rain. The trees and shrubs were covered with ice. It grew warmer and there was some sunshine after 2 P.M. and before night all clear. The ice was thawed from the trees. The wind was N.E. AM. — went round to S.E. to S.W. and to N.W. in afternoon.

The late Snow Storm was extensive, and the depth of Snow was greater at Newhaven, New York &c than here. The Hudson, the Connecticut and other rivers are again closed with ice

The Times, so called, or in other words, Bills, grow no better. The business of the next Spring is not likely to be very brisk. A N.York price current says of Money — capitalists have never had so much money unemployed; Banks cannot employ their money: Good notes are discounted at 6 per cent; and money is lent at 5 per cent.

Bills on England are 105 per cent (par is about 109) Exchange is about 4 per cent against England, and Specie is coming in fast. The New York Banks have Eight Millions of dollars in Specie.

Cotton was never lower 5 to 8 cents in N.York.

Cotton Domestics "were never lower" says the Price current. unbleached 4/4 are 5 to 7 cents; extras some higher.

Cotton Yarn below No 19. from 12 to 16 cents la pound.

Provisions "were never lower" — says the price current.

Wool in Boston.

Saxony wool in Jan y. & fore part of Feb y	32 to 35 cts.	(Atlas
Do — " — " — "	36 to 38 "	(D. Adv.
Do — " — " — "	35 to 40 "	(Courier
Merino, full blood " " "	30 to 31 "	(Atlas
Do — Do — " " "	32 to 35 "	(D. Adv
Do — Do — " " "	32 to 33 "	(Courier

In N. York.

Saxony wool, in Jan. & fore part of Feb.	30 to 37½	(J. of Com.
Do — " " "	32 to 35	(Express
Merino full blood " " "	27 to 30	(J. of Com.
Do — Do — " " "	28 to 32	(Express

Wool has been as low before, perhaps.

Sunday 12.
Thermom
at Sunrise 18
at 1 PM 28
at 9 ... 14

Mr Mills of Ill. preached A.M. & P.M. Mr Willey continues to be absent — has not been here since his application for dismission.

Mostly Fair.
A snow squall at 10
Wind N.W. mostly.
Day windy and unpleasant.

Monday 13
Thermom.
at sunrise 15
at 1 PM 22
at 9 ... 18

Town meeting to choose member of Congress — I voted for the 3d party or abolition candidate.

I signed note to Bank as surety for Bro. Johnson, for 100 dolls: 30 days.

Cloudy.
3/4 inch light snow fell
Wind S.W. & S. AM
Towards night N.E.

February 1843.

Tuesday 14 — It began to snow in the night, and continued through the day, moderately. Wind N.N.E. or nearly N.

Thermom.
at sunrise 13
at 1 P.M. 19
at 9 " " 12

Wednesday 15 — Mr Lewis' blacksmith shop, a few rods S.W. of my residence, was burnt about 3 o'clock this morning.

Thermom.
at sunrise 12
at 1 P.M. 26
at 9 " " 13.

The snow continued to fall during the forenoon — not very fast. It cleared off towards night. The wind during the storm was N.N.E. and changed to N.W. when or before it cleared off.

The quantity of snow fallen yesterday and to day may be 7.8 or 9 inches — perhaps more — about the same as fell last week Feb 5.

Thursday 16 — The quantity of snow on the ground may be 16 inches in this valley — considerably more on the hills. The sleighing is fine where the roads are used much.

Thermometer
at sunrise 6
at 1 P.M. 18
at 9 " " at 0

Elihu Burritt, the "learned blacksmith," gave a lecture in the Town Hall in the evening, on Roman Patriotism. I did not hear him — I was at Isaac Clark's — Josiah Clark Jr & wife there.

Clear, pleasant day but very cold. Wind W. & W.N.W.

Friday 17

Thermometer
20 minutes before sunrise 23 below 0
at sunrise 21 do 0
at 8 A.M. 19 " 0.
at 9 " " 10 " 0
at 10 " " 1 above 0
at 11 " " 13 do 0.
at 1 P.M. 18 do 0.
at 6 " " 10 do 0
at 9 " " 1 below 0

The coldest morning there has been since I have kept a Thermometrical Record. Perhaps the coldest since January 1835. Jan 17. 1840, and Jan. 5. 1841, each called 19° below 0, were nearly as cold as this morning. Morning very clear — smokes ascended perpendicularly. The wind at first about W. but gradually changed to S.W. This change, perhaps, made the mercury ascend before sunrise, and fast after 8. Perhaps not; the smokes indicated soon after sunrise that what little wind there was, came from N.E, and about 9½ the vane changed to N.E. The under current prevailed. In the P.M. wind changed to S.E.

A clear, cold day. Some haze towards night.

In the evening between 9 & 10 o'clock, Sons G. W. & C. Parkman & Hopkins arrived from Hartford — Sidney Clark with them. Son C. Parkman has been absent upwards of two years — has been 2 years at Bennettsville in Marlboro. District South Carolina, in a School. He left us Oct 15. 1840 — At Bennettsville Feb. 10. and reached Hartford Feb. 16, having spent about a day in Washington City —

P.S.

The thermometer at Albany this morning was only 14° below 0. Some in this village were 14 or 15° below 0, & some 20 & 22° below. At Brighton only 2° below 0. The mercury in the middle of the day (12 m.) at Brighton was lower than here every day from Feb 14 to Feb 19 inclusive. I have before observed that in cold weather, the middle of the day is often colder in the vicinity of Boston ~~& Northampton~~, than at Northampton.

At Stockbridge, Thermom. Feb. 17. at 7 o'clock was 18 below 0: Feb 18 16° below.

February 1843

Saturday 18
Thermometer
at sunrise 18 below 0
at 8 a.m. 15 do 0
at 9½ at 0 do 0
at 11 17 above 0
at 1 24 do 0
at 9 10 do 0

Another terribly cold morning. The vane at first was W.S.W. soon changed to E.N.E. & before noon veered to S.E. The smoke all the morning (till vane changed to S.E.) indicated that the lower current was Northeasterly. Clear. Afternoon cloudy. Wind changed from S.E to S.

Sunday 19
Thermom.
at sunrise 12
at 1 PM 26
at 9 " " 18

It snowed last night about 2 inches, very light snow. Cloudy all day. Wind N.E. and veered to S.E. Mr. Neal of Hatfield preached A.M. & P.M.

Monday 20
Thermometer
at sunrise 20
at 1 PM 38
at 9 " " 19

Sons & Peninnah rode out to see Hall, & took a Graham dinner there. Wife sprained her foot 14 days ago, and cannot use it much yet.

Morning cloudy. Wind at first N.E. then S.E. and round to N.W. before 10, and till night. Clear after 10. Some Thawing

Tuesday 21.
Thermometer
At sunrise 16
At 1 PM 30
at 9 " " 18

Sons J.W. & Hopkins started for Hartford this morning.

Settled with B.B. Hoxsie. He owed me for interest on a Note, originally due to Sarah A. Edwards, of 100 dollars, from May 21. 1836 to March 17. 1840. 23 dollars.

Had of him	Oct. 1740	Sole leather & Calfskin	7.45
do "	Dec 1741	do & do	5.40
do "	to day	20 lbs Sole leather @ 24c	4.80
do "	"	14¾ lbs oak do @ 26	3.83
do "	"	1 Calfskin	1.92
			$23.00

So this account settled.

Cloudy A.M. Partly clear P.M. Wind N.E.

Wednesday 22
Thermometer
at sunrise 14
at 1 PM 38
at 9 " " 24

Settled with Wm C. Parkman

There is due on his note to Stephen Johnson, dated Sept 15. 1839 100 dollars principal & Interest since Sept. 15. 1841 $8.62
(I had paid Johnson & taken the note) Total due 108.62

Due on his note to me dated Oct 15. 1840 for 161 dolls (72.82 interest May 1. 1842, 13.46 " Sept 1. 1841) 92.64

$201.26

He paid me to day 200 dollars.

Thus C. Parkman has paid all his Debts contracted for his education, and has about 200 dollars remaining. (See Oct. 15. 1840, Aug 23. 1841. & May 25. 1842)

Heard Blue Jays screaming to-day. They commonly appear in Feb.

Great meeting of the Washingtonian Temperance men to day. Addressed by Mr Doratt of Belchertown — well spoken of. Ebenezer Hunt of Cummington here — promises fair, but says nothing.

Mostly cloudy — Wind S. & S.S.E. Clear at 9 P.M.

February 1843.

Thursday 23 — Paid Col. Shepard for house rent to April 10; Pasture to Nov. 1. last, and hay to this Date. See back. — Clear — Wind N.W. Cold day.

Thermometer at sunrise 10, at 1 P.m. 22, at 9 " " 6

Friday 24 — Clear & pleasant but cold. Wind N.S.W. — A.m. do. W.N.W. P.m.

Thermometer at Sunrise 3, at 1 P.m 28, at 9 " " 9

Cousin Samuel Edwards here; I made a settlement in regard to notes against him & Doct. Hooker, as sureties for Oren Kingsley — and Note against him for property he had of Oren Kingsley for himself & W.H. See April 9. 1841. and Jan. 13. 1842 —

1 Note vs. O.K. W. Hooker & Saml Edwards Jr sureties dated March 28. 1833., payable May 1. 1837 for 343 dollars — due on it. simple interest January 13. 1843 — 56.33

1 Note vs. O.K. W. Hooker & Saml Edwards Jr sureties, dated March 28. 1833 — payable May 1, 1838 interest from May 1. 1833 — for 343 dollars — due on it at simple interest. Jan. 13. 1843 — 238.75

295.08

1 Note vs. Samuel Edwards Jr. dated July 14 1840, for 328 dollars — was given for land & buildings, sheep, brown heifer & a steer (260 + 20 + 40 + 8 = 328 dollars) which he bought of Oren Kingsley July 14 1840, & I endorsed the same on the first note noticed above — 1 years interest paid — so interest from July 14. 1841 to Jan. 13. 1843 $29.52. so principal & interest, Jan. 13. 1843 amount to 357.52 — 357.52

$652 60

This day I received of Cousin Samuel
a Note vs. Wm Hooker dated Jan. 13. 1843, 276.30
a Note vs Samuel Edwards dated Jan. 13. 43. 376.30
$652.60

Hooker & Edwards lose the whole of the 295.08. and a small amount on the 357.52 — Edwards had more of the property than Hooker (of the 357.52) and therefore Edwards note is the largest.

I Indorsed on S. Edwards note for articles I have had of him $7.73 — indorsed Jan. 13. 1843

6 bushels apples @ 42^c. 1/2 peck Quinces 20^c
1 " Hominy 67^c 22 1/2 lbs beef @ 5^c
14 lbs Spare rib @ 6^c — 20 1/2 lbs ham @ 10^c
2 gallons Vinegar 33^c —
all — 7.73

February 1843

Saturday 25
Thermometer
at sunrise 8 below 0
at 8½ Am. 0 — 0
at 1 Pm. 28 above 0
at 9 " " 18 do — 0

The vane at first pointed S.W. but the smoke showed that what little wind there was came from N.E. Before 9 vane changed to N.E. and before noon to S.E. — continued S.E. till night.
A clear, pleasant day — some thawing.

Failures here & there make a good deal of Conversation — As Congress is about to repeal the bankrupt law, many are crowding in for its benefits. Two failures here to day, or announced to day — a farmer and a baker.

Joel Parsons of E Hampton owed me about 11 dollars on a note given in April 1837 (after deducting about 40 lbs of his pork had of him April 9. 1839.) and as he said he could not pay the whole I took a new note to day for six dollars; and told him he might have it for 5 dollars if he would pay it soon. He is poor.

Sunday 26
Thermometer
at sunrise 19
at 1 PM. 37
at 9 " " 26

Mr . . . . . Preached Am. & Pm.

Mostly clear: pleasant
Wind W.N.W.
Some thawing.

Monday 27.
Thermometer
at sunrise 21
at 1 Pm. 36
at 9 " " 18

Parish Meeting P.M. Almost all of the parish, say seven eighths, seemed inclined to sustain Mr Wiley, & to prevent if possible his dismission — yet Mr Wiley is unquestionably deficient in some important pastoral qualifications — he does not go among his people — does not know them nor they him, and of course he cannot sympathize with them nor understand their wants & feelings. The Baptists and Methodists & others are making inroads, & will continue to do so under the present state of things. Mr Williston, Aaron Brock, Asahel Lyman, & several other, active & efficient members of the church, are opposed to Mr Wiley, or indifferent towards him.

Hazey & cloudy, but sufficiently most of the day.
Wind N.E.

Tuesday 28
Thermom.
at sunrise 4
at 1 PM 38
at 9 " " 26

Mostly Clear
Wind N.E. and round to S.E. & S.
Some Thawing

February has been a severely cold month — similar to that of Feb 1836 & Feb 1838 — the 3 coldest Februarys for 35 years, an' '36, '38 & '43.

At sunrise — $9\frac{8}{28}$
At 1 PM. — $26\frac{20}{28}$
At 9 " " — $14\frac{23}{28}$
Average $16\frac{26}{28}$

March 1843

Wednesday 1 Thermometer at Sunrise 14 at 1 PM. 30 at 9 " " 19	March has come but no indications of spring accompany it. The snow remains from 16 or 18 to 20 or more inches in this town, and from 2 to 2½ feet (some say 3 feet) in the hill towns. The weather is cold & sleighing is good. No spring birds have been seen or heard.	Mostly clear – flying clouds. Wind N.W. & W.N.W.
Thursday 2 Thermometer at sunrise 14 at 1 PM. 22 at 9 " " 14	Sister Smith & her Aff. came here yesterday, & went away to day. Rev. Abel Brown in the Town Hall on Slavery in the evening.	Many clouds, but more clear than cloudy. Wind N.W. Cold, disagreeable, windy day.
Friday 3 Thermometer at sunrise 10 at 1 PM 22 at 9 " " 12	My heart complaint has troubled me more a few days past than ever before. It is probably that which will end my life; but when, is not for me to foresee.	Another cold, unpleasant day. — Clear. Wind N.W.

Some disturbance this evening at Mr Brown's 2d anti-slavery meeting – assafoetida burnt on the stove. Mr. Brown has some bitter personal enemies here, or I might say political. The Whigs all hated him in 1840.

Saturday 4 Thermom 12 at sunrise at 1 PM 23 at 9 " " 14		Still very cold. Clear. Wind N.W.
Sunday 5 Thermometer at sunrise 12 at 1 PM. 26 at 9 " " 16	Mr. . . . . preached to-day. Mr Wiley has not preached since he asked for a dismission. The Methodists have had meetings regularly every Sabbath in the Town Hall for a long time, and are evidently gaining ground.	Still cold. Clear Wind N.W.

Hall, Frances & Rosa Brown were in to-day.

Monday 6 Thermometer at sunrise 12 at 1 PM 30 at 9 " " 17	Wrote to H. O. Sheldon of Berea, Ohio in reply to his of Jan. 27, asking for information in regard to the Sheldons.	Still cold & clear Wind N.W.
Tuesday 7 Thermometer at sunrise 12 at 1 PM 32 at 9 " " 12	A council met here to day and decided that Mr. Wiley had better remain as pastor. Cousins Samuel Edwards and John A. Judd in to-day.	Still cold & clear Wind N.W. and towards night N.

In the evening, a pencil of light in the South west attracted some attention. It extended some distance ~~from the distance~~ from the horizon at an angle of nearly 20 degrees.

March 1843.

Wednesday 8. Thermometer at sunrise 2 at 1 P.M. 35 at 9 " " 24	Wrote a letter to Hon. Timo. Pitkin, New Haven, in reply to one from him. Wrote to Ebenr Clapp Jr. Dorchester in regard to early Dorchester Settlers &c. Sister Smith & Apphia, Brother Parsons & Aaron and brother Johnson were here to dinner.	Clear & pleasant. Wind began N.N.E and gradually veered to E. — S.E. — S. — S.W.
Thursday 9 Thermometer at sunrise 10 at 1 P.M. 45 at 9 " " 21	Comet. — The stream of light seen on Tuesday evening (see March 7) is now said to be the tail of a comet. It was observed far & near, and has been seen since in some places, but not here. It commenced at the horizon (the comet itself if there is one) was below the horizon) in the S.W. & extended some thirty degrees in length in a straight line, making an angle of between 20 & 30 degrees with the horizon. The light was not red, not fiery, but white like a cloud. The moon was nearly over it.	Hazy, but sun visible most of the day. Wind began at N.E & gradually went round to S.E. — S.W. — W. Thawed considerably
Friday 10 Thermometer at sunrise 12 at 1 P.M. 31 at 9 " " 26		Wind N.E. Cloudy A.M. Snowed gently P.M.

The Newspapers say that this comet has been seen in several places in the day-time, near the sun. If this was the tail of a comet that appeared Tuesday evening, it was 10 times longer, & several times wider than any comet-tail that I ever beheld.

Saturday 11 Thermometer at sunrise 30 at 1 P.M. 44 at 9 " " 29	About 3 inches of snow & hail fell yesterday & last night. Hopkins came up from Hartford yesterday, & returned to day. The sleighing is getting poor, especially towards Hartford.	Mostly cloudy A.M. Mostly clear P.M. Wind N. & N.W. Thawed a good deal.

Comet. The long tail was again visible this evening in S.W. between 7 and 8 — commencing at the horizon about W.S.W, and extending southerly at an angle of 35 or 40 degrees with the horizon, to the length of 30 degrees or more — had the tail gone up perpendicularly it would have reached near half way to the zenith. The moon shone bright — and the comet's tail had the same white appearance as before; it had no redness or appearance of flame. The comet itself was below the horizon, or hid behind a narrow cloud close to the horizon — doubtless the former, i.e. if it is a comet.

Sunday 12 Thermom. at sunrise 23 at 1 P.M. 34 at 9 " " 29	Mr Wiley preached again A.M. Mr Clapp " — P.M. Result of Council read. Clouds in evening hid the comet-tail, or the Zodiacal Light, as the late appearance is now called in some of the papers.	Clear — Wind N.E. Thawy.
Monday 13 Thermom. at sunrise 29 at 1 P.M. 34 at 9 " " 30	Snow fell most of the day — 3 or 4 inches in all. It was moist, & some of it melted.	Wind N.E.

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Tuesday 14 — It cleared off in the night and the wind rose and blew very hard till morning, and after. The snow of yesterday is considerably drifted. There is this morning all the appearance and all the dreariness of mid-winter. — The day was cold & windy. Fair with many clouds. Wind W. N. W.

Thermometer at sunrise 21, at 1 PM 24, at 9 " " 15

The Comet-tail or Zodiacal light appeared again this evening, but much fainter. Its extension has rather increased, but its light seems to be fading away.

Wednesday 15 — Settled with Mr Levake, Shoemaker — Sold him Sole leather I had of Hoxie. 20 lbs at 24 cts — 4. 80

Thermometer at sunrise 22, at 1 PM 44, at 9 " " 25

His bill of shoemaking since September last over. for Albert — 1. 33
for myself & family — 1. 01 } 3. 34
for myself, making a pair of shoes — 1. 00
[See Jan. 6. 1843]
He owes — 1. 46

It is now said there is a comet with a long tail, and Zodiacal light also, to be seen; or has been for two or three weeks past; now almost invisible.

The Weather to day was cloudy & thawy A. M. and Fair, windy & cold P. M. Wind S. & S. W. — A. M.
do W. N. W. — P. M.

Thursday 16 — It is warmer, & it thaws considerably: yet the general wintry appearance continues — not a spot of bare ground to be seen — and the snow is deep on much of the surface. No spring birds have appeared.

Thermometer at sunrise 22, at 1 PM 44, at 9 " " 26

Hazy but sun shone most of the day. Cloudy towards night. Wind N. E. & N. N. E. Began to snow in the evening.

Money matters.

Money received (from Jan. 20) — 293. 96

Money paid out (from Jan. 20 to that date)	153.	92
March 15 & 16 . E. Turner for 5 qrs. paper & mak'g book	0.	62
" " Washing 58c. White woolen yarn 45c	1.	03
" Post-office bill from Jan. 1 to March 16 inc.	1.	92
" Mrs. Shepard. Milk from Jan 15 to March 16 inclusive 47½ qts @ 4 cts	1.	90
" 40 lbs Buckwheat flour @ 2½c	1.	00
" Brother Parsons bill since Feb 3d — 14 lbs butter @ 14c. 1.96: 5 lbs Sausages 50c; 2½ bushels potatoes. 83: 8¼ lbs cheese 66 (did not 1 bush. potatoes Hall had & paid me.)	3.	62
& Thimble (omitted some time ago) 25c & 5 cts	0.	30
16 Paid Isaac Clark Note given July 30. 1842 for 50 dolls. and Int. 1.88	51.	88
16 Paid do. Note dated Oct. 1. 1842 for $15 and Int. 0.41	15.	41
16 Money left with wife	6.	50
16 Money to carry with me	55.	86
	293.	96

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Friday 17
Thermometer at sunrise 28
at 1 PM 32
at 9 " " 28

There has been a N.E. snowstorm with high wind through the night and it continues this morning, and till near noon. Put up 5 or 6 inches of snow fell, & it is all in heaps. The wind Arr. was N.N.E. and N.N.W. & P.M. W.W. Wind blew hard all day — cloudy all day. I intended to go to Hartford to day, but the storm prevented.

Saturday 18
Thermometer at sunrise 22
at 1 PM 32
at 9 " " 20

A fine winter morning, and, clear, and not unpleasant a great supply of snow.

I went to Hartford in a sleigh by way of Hadley and east side of the river: Snow much drifted — not half as much snow about Hartford as about Northampton. Deep snow on the hills, and pretty deep in the valley, but diminished as I went south. — Comet visible at night.

I returned home Friday June 16, having been about 13 weeks. I returned by boat & stage.

My expenses and purchases —

Fare to Hartford	2.25
Do returning	1.88
Mrs. Dunham, board 2 weeks	4.50
Washing	0.87
matches, pins, pencils	0.14
a blank book	0.36
	10.00
Goods —	
1 3/4 yds lace	0.63
Cravat	0.25
10 yds de laine	5.00
7 1/2 yds cotton	0.94
1 " cold. Cambric	0.17
2 skeins silk	0.07
Bonnet for Pin.	5.00
Box for do	0.12½
5 Spools thread	0.20
1 yd State Cambric	0.12½
2 " brown linen	0.34
	22.85
Gloves for Frances	0.10
1/2 yd lence for tabs	0.12½
	23.07½

1 P Knife	0.12½
4 combs	0.14
2 yds Linen	1.30
Shirt buttons 6 doz	0.25
1 box hooks & eyes	0.07
3 yds M. de laine	0.50
8 pr Cotton stockings	2.32
1 pr Worsted do	0.38
Needles 4 Tape 5	0.09
1 doz combs	0.19
5 Quires Letter Paper	0.42
5 " Com. do	0.31
False Hair for wife	0.88
My postage	0.75
Pamphlets of J.W.	0.87
Doct. Tafts bill for visits &c	1.75
1 shad, on way home	0.30
Paid for Hall, book 1.00; 3 yds gran cloth 0.75	1.75 (He paid this)
	12.39½
	23.07½
Total.	35.47

Receipts —

I carried to Hartford, or had at starting	55.86
Sen J. Walker paid me on his note	266.25
I had for my services of Committee	75.22
I had of Sen J. W. for dividend on Rail Road shares, due last January	30.00
	427.33
Expended as above	35.47
Brought home	$391.86

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Thermometer at N.H. — March

		At sunrise	at 1 P.M.	at 9 P.M.		At N.H.	At Hartford
March	19.	9	37	24	mostly Cloudy		mostly cloudy
Monday	20	4	40	26	mostly clear		mostly clear
Tuesday	21	23	38	17	Pt. clear: pt. cloudy	Thawy. Streets getting bare: Wheels	
Wednesday	22	3	43	28	do — do	Cold morning. More wheels.	
Thursday	23	22	32	12	Snowy day & wind after.	1 inch snow. Uncomfortable	
Friday	24	17.	33.	17	Fair. Comet & tail visible.	Clear. Wintry weather. Comet tail 80 degrees or more	
Saturday	25	8	43	20	Cloudy. Comet seen	Cloudy	
Sunday	26	17	42	20.	Fair.	Clear & cold. Comet tail seen	
Monday	27	9	46	26	Cloudy. Snowed some PM.	Cloudy. Snowed 1 inch in night. Some rain in do	
Tuesday	28	28	42	36.	Rainy day. Thunder once	Rainy day. Cleared off in Evening	
Wednesday	29	30	38.	32	mostly clear	Cold & windy. bare places on hills	
Thursday	30	20	41	28	Clear.	clear. thawy. River rising.	
Friday	31	25.	37	24	Cloudy: Snowed at 3 PM.	Cloudy.	
		215.	512.	310			

April

April	1.	24	43	28.	Snow & hail last night & today.	3/4 inch hail in night. Rain some today	
Sunday	2	22	39	30	Fair	High wind last night. clear & cold	
Monday	3	21.	38	28	Fair	Clear. Warmer. Comet tail seen. Heard a blue bird.	
Tuesday	4	15.	52	26	Fair pt. cloudy pt. Robins,	Variable. Cold morning. Robins,	
Wednesday	5	29	47	34.	Snowed all day	Snowed & melted all day: layon hills	
Thursday	6	33.	43.	37.	Fair. Fast.	Clear. warmer. Venus pm & Mat. Blue birds about	
Friday	7	42.	39	36	Fair. Wild geese going.	Clear.	
Saturday	8	36.	53.	44.	Fair. Robin & Pewee.	Thawy. pt. cloudy. pt. Fair. Dec went of above bridges	
Sunday	9	36.	50.	36	mostly clear: birds, waggons	Clear. thawy. other birds,	
Monday	10	32.	51	34	mostly cloudy: phebe &c.	Mostly Cloudy. Steamboat from Springfield	
Tuesday	11	32.	46.	40	Fair	Clear & pleasant	
Wednesday	12	28.	54	36	Fair	Clear & warm.	
Thursday	13	26.	58	43.	Fair — some haze.	Fair & warmer. some smoke	
Friday	14	38	56.	43	Cloudy: Rain at 5. PM	Drizzle & some rain. frogs peeped.	
Saturday	15	46.	51	43.	Rainy	Rainy	
Sunday	16	40	57.	46.	Fair & cloudy	fog & cloudy PM. Clear PM.	
Monday	17	43.	43	40	Rainy: high flood:	Rained gently most day. Warmer day	
Tuesday	18	38.	40.	36	Cloudy. Flood at height:	Rained gently " "	
Wednesday	19	34	52	40.	Cloudy. Little snow last night:	Snowed little last night (Cloudy)	
Thursday	20	39.	60.	42	pt. clear mostly	Clear mostly	
Friday	21	32.	61	49	Fair	Clear & pleasant	
Saturday	22	42.	66.	57	Cloudy mostly,	Pleasant — warm	
Sunday	23	46.	53.	52	Rain & mist	Cloudy & some rain	
Monday	24	49.	63.	57.	Cloudy: some fair.	mostly cloudy	
Tuesday	25	51.	68	53	Variable	mostly clear	
Wednesday	26	50	61.	59	Cloudy. some rain	Cloudy: some rain	
Thursday	27	54	54	50.	Cloudy. mist.	Thunder. Considerable Rain	
Friday	28	39.	65.	56.	Fair.	pt. clear.	
Saturday	29	45.	51.	48	Cloudy mostly	pt. clear — pt. cloudy	
Sunday	30	40.	49.	45.	Cloudy. Rainy evening:	Cold, dreary, rainy day. Shower (pt. at night)	
		1102	1563	1268			

March was the coldest March for a great many years — perhaps for half a century. Thermometer at N.H. was

At sunrise $16\frac{16}{31}$
At 1 P.M. $35\frac{11}{31}$
At 9 " " $22\frac{24}{31}$
} Average $24\frac{24}{31}$ — colder than any winter month of 1841-2 —

April — at sunrise — $36\frac{22}{30}$
at 1 P.M. $52\frac{3}{30}$
at 9 " " $42\frac{8}{30}$
} Average $43.\frac{7}{10}$ —

March 1843.

Thursday 16 Sugar. Have bought to-day 44 lbs. Porto Rico @ 7½c —
used last year in my small family about 135 pounds
of Sugar — Have used this year since Jan. 1. say 20 or 23 lbs
Have now on hand — bought last year about 56 pounds
(do bought to day 44
100 lbs —

Molasses — I used last year not far from 14 gallons.
Have used this year about 2½ gallons
Have on hand — about 4 do — } 14 Gallons.
Bought 1 Gal. July 11. 2½ Gallons in Sept. 4 Gallons in Nov. } 2 on hand Jan. 1.
See Dec 31
In Oct. 11½ lbs Sugar. & 5 lbs; and 11 lbs Nov. } 27½ lbs. 5 on hand Jan. 1. 1844

May 1843.

Thermometer At Northampton	At sunrise,	at 1 P.M.	at 9. P.M.		At Hartford.
Monday May 1	53	61.	49.	Cloudy & fair	Mostly clear pleasant
Tuesday 2	36	57.	43.	do & do	Clear mostly
Wednesday 3	47.	64	48	do & do	Cloudy mostly
Thursday 4	32.	61	53	Clear	Clear & pleasant
Friday 5	43	52.	50	clear mostly	
Saturday 6	44	54.	47	Cloudy. Bobolink.	Cloudy AM. Clear PM
Sunday 7	47	60	56.	cloudy. Thunder Shower.	Rain. Th. Showers
Monday 8	54	72.	52	cloudy & Clear	Cloudy AM. Clear PM
Tuesday 9	42	64	51.	Fair	Clear & cool
Wednesday 10	42.	70	52	Fair. variable	mostly clear & cool
Thursday 11	45	69	45	cloudy.	Cloudy AM. Clear PM.
Friday 12	38	73	56	Fair	clear warmer.
Saturday 13	45	72	54	Variable	Mostly clear. Warmer
Sunday 14	51	72	68	Variable	" clear. Warm
Monday 15	55.	81	66.	Fair	Fair
Tuesday 16	56.	75	63	Fair	Fair mostly.
Wednesday 17	53	64	45	Variable	do do
Thursday 18	38	66	48	do	do do
Friday 19	34	74	54	do Frost.	do do
Saturday 20	46	71	49	cloudy - Fair	Cloudy AM. Clear PM
Sunday 21	39.	77	59	do do.	mostly Clear
Monday 22	43.	80	62.	Fair - cloudy.	Clear AM cloudy PM
Tuesday 23	53.	76	62	Rainy, then clear.	Rain 4 to 7. Clear after
Wednesday 24	48.	66.	53.	Fair	Rain last night. Clear day
Thursday 25	49.	65	54	Fair	Clear & cool
Friday 26.	52.	71	54	Cloudy	cloudy
Saturday 27	49.	53.	48.	Cloudy & Rain	cloudy & some rain
Sunday 28	48.	68.	49.	cloudy & fair	pt Cloudy. pt Fair
Monday 29	43.	64.	50	cloudy	cloudy
Tuesday 30	45.	67	51	mostly clear	mostly clear.
Wednesday 31	46	61	42	Some Rain. Cloudy.	Rain early. Cloudy. Windy cold.
	1416.	2080	1633		

At Sunrise 45 21/31
At 1 P.M. 67 31/31
At 9. P.M. 52 24/31
} average 55° 14/93

June 1843

	Sunrise	10 P.M.	9 P.M.		At Hartford
Thursday June 1.	38	49	40	clear & cold	clear & cold
2	38.	65.	49	cloudy & clear. Frost.	some Frost, pt clear
3	52.	67	61	cloudy.	mostly cloudy
Sunday 4	50.	71	61	cloudy mostly	clear. Warmer
5	59.	75.	61	~~Th. Shower at noon~~ and in evening	mostly clear; Th. Shower at 6 and in evening
6	58	67.	52	mostly cloudy	Cloudy
7	46	70	60.	clear	mostly clear.
8	54	71.	56	Cloudy	cloudy
9	57	82.	63	cloudy.	pt clear pt Cloudy. very warm Thunder rain in Evening
10	58	82.	68	cloudy. Showers	~~Cloudy~~ & clear. Thunder Showers P.M & evening
Sunday 11	57	63.	54	Rainy	Rainy
12	46	74.	62.	hazy. clear	clear.
13	50	70	61.	clear.	clear
14	60	81.	65	mostly clear	mostly clear
15	57	69	57.	do do	do do
16	53.	56.	53	Rainy. cool.	Rainy. I came home.
17	48	73.	50	Clear A.M. A little rain P.M. cool.	
Sunday 18	44.	70.	53.	Clear & pleasant. Cool.	
19	46.	75.	59	Clear & pleasant.	
20	53.	77.	64	clear & pleasant.	
21	55.	82.	66	clear & pleasant.	
22	54.	85.	70	clear & pleasant.	Warmest day this year.
23	66.	92.	68	Fog: then clear & hot.	Clouds & 2 showers P.M.
24	62	88.	66	Clear & pleasant. very warm.	Th. Shower at 6¼
Sunday 25	62	78.	65	Clear & pleasant.	Breeze from N.W.
26	52	82.	71.	clear & pleasant.	
27	63	88.	72	clear & pleasant	
28	63	86.	70	Clear A.M. Clouds came on before 1.	Cloudy PM. some rain
29	64	86	70	foggy till 8. After that ½ clear, ½ cloudy	
30	66	87	71	Mostly fair.	
	1631.	2261.	1838		

at sunrise 54. $\frac{11}{30}$
at 10 P.M. 75 $\frac{11}{30}$
at 9 P.M. 61 $\frac{8}{30}$
} Average $63^{\circ}\frac{60}{90}$.

The Frost on the morning of June 2 was less severe here than in many other places, yet the Thermometer must have been below 38 if rightly placed & viewed at sunrise. It probably was not observed till some time after sunrise on this and on several other mornings.

The weather for the first 19 days of June was cool & vegetation backward. The weather for the last 11 " of June was quite warm — some of it hot. and vegetation advanced rapidly.

June &c. 1843.

The Season, or the Spring.

March was a cold, wintry month, with much snow, which extended over the northern & western states.

In Hartford, they began to use wheels March 20 & 21st. and the streets grew bare. In Northampton waggons did not move till April 9. Parkman says — There was sleighing & deep snow on the hills E. & W. of Hartford for some time after wheels were running in the valley. All the hills were white March 27, and most of the valley except streets & roads. Deep snow W. & N.W. of Hartford. The rain on 28th made bare places on the hills.

April 1. Winter yet reigned; no birds, no swelling of buds. Birds first appeared in Hartford, that is, the blue bird, April 3: robins April 4. Robins said to have been heard in Northampton same day — perhaps an error. Robins were heard however in N.H. April 8. Pewees had been heard latter part of March.

April 9. Several kinds of birds at Northampton and at Hartford. — April 26 martins about at H. and May 1 at N.H.

Snow of April 5 made the hills about Hartford white — they were mostly white before: 8 & 9th April much snow went off. April 10, snow mostly gone in Hartford N. & S. streets; considerable ice in E. & W. streets. Fields about the city were mostly bare, but had many spots of snow. April 12 but little snow to be seen on the eastern hills (Bolton, &c.) April 13. Hartford wide streets dry & dusty; narrow ones wet.

April 15. Very little snow to be seen in any direction from Hartford. — Notice in papers of the immense snows in March in all the States — South and West — as well as North. — Night before April 19 the hills about Hartford were whitened with snow. It melted in the city.

Connecticut river rose considerably the latter part of March, and the ice seems to have worn off & become weaker gradually. The river opened below Hartford bridge about the first of April or by the 3d. April 8, the ice went off above the bridge, and the river was open as far as Springfield April 10. April 6, a vessel arrived from N. York, and April 10 a boat went down from Springfield. Some ice floated on the river; the quantity was not very great. The River opened at Northampton about April 13.

Cold nights continued & the ground was frozen in Hartford every morning, except 2 or 3, after I went down March 18, till April 14.

The Frogs began to peep April 14.

Boats got through from New York to Albany April 13. The Hudson did not to have remained closed so late for 40 or 50 years.

Shad for sale in Hartford at 30 cents, April 17.
May 5 Shad plenty at 17 to 25 cents.

June &c. 1843.

April 1843.

The Great Flood in Hartford — and some account of former floods.

On a board at the Tollhouse at the west end of Hartford Bridge, the rise of the river above what is called low water mark, is noticed in many past floods — how correctly I know not — viz.

Floods of Feb. 1842	18½ feet			
" of 1830	20 "			
" of 1828	22 "			Sept. probably
" of 1839	23 "	2 inches		Jan. 29
" of 1841	25 "	4 "		Jan. 9.
" of 1801	26 "	8 "		March 21. Jefferson flood.
" of 1843	26 "	2 "		April 1843.

In 1843, the river had been rising some time in consequence of thaws & rains, and at 7 AM. April 16. it was up to 18½ feet (same as 1842 above) above low water mark, & covered some of the lower part of the city & meadows.

It rose as follows:—

Sunday April 16.	at 7 AM	18 feet 6 inches
" "	at 10½ "	19. 6 "
" "	at 7 PM.	21. 0 "
Monday April 17	at 6 AM	22. 2 "
" "	at 8 " "	22. 4.
" "	at 12	22. 8
" "	at 2 PM.	22. 10

For some time after this I could not get to the Tollhouse to observe the rise, the water preventing. The water at this time (2 P.M. April 17) was 3 feet 11 inches below the mark for the flood of 1801 on the old distillery on corner of Front & Talcott streets, thus agreeing with the mark at the Tollhouse by the bridge.

Tuesday April 18. In morning water was over 24 feet — I could not get to any place to guage it, or compare it with 1801.

At 3 P.M. April 18, it had risen 7 or 8 inches since 6 in the morning — and was 10 or 12 inches below a mark for the flood of 1801 on the stone arch over Little River (which I had just noticed) This mark, I suspect, does not correspond with the others, but perhaps it does. At 6 P.M. the water had risen 1½ inch since 3 P.M.

Wednesday April 19. 6 AM. Water just where it was at 6 the previous evening — about 10 inches below the mark of 1801 on the stone arch. The water began to fall this morning, or perhaps in the night & continued to fall slowly all day.

Thursday, April 20, The water continued to fall, and at 4 P.M. it was 4 feet 4 inches below the mark of 1801 on the old distillery, having fallen 3 feet 9 inches. They placed the mark for the flood of 1843, 7 inches below that of 1801, on the old distillery. At the stone arch the water was only 3 feet 9 inches below the mark for 1801, viz. at 4 P.M. April 20.

The greatest height of water was probably in the night of April 18 & 19.

June, &c. 1843.

The Great Flood of April 1843 — continued.

Friday, April 21 — the water had fallen 5 feet in 2 days. and was in the morning 21 feet 1 inch above low water mark — had been up to 26 feet 1 inch, by distillery mark, or 26 feet 2 inches by mark at Toll house being 6 or 7 inches lower than it was in 1801. — only 6 by toll house mark.

Saturday, April 22. Water had fallen 2 feet 1 inch since Day before, being just 19 feet, in the morning.

Sunday April 23. The River began to rise again to day — fell the 22, 8 inches, or down to 18 feet 4 inches. Rose 6 inches to day.

April 24, 25, 26, 27, the water continued to rise, but I was sick & could not observe it. It rose to 21 feet 2 inches in the afternoon of 27th, & then began to fall — fell 3 or 4 inches, then rose again on 28th & on morning of 29th was up to 21 feet 2 inches again. After this it fell slowly and at 1, May 1, was 20 feet 5 inches; after this, rose again, and at 7 on morning of May 2, was at 22 feet; at 1 PM. 22 feet 5 inches. May 3, at 7 in morning was 22 feet 6 inches, and had been up to 22 feet 8 inches, which is the highest rise of this second flood. At noon, May 3, was at 22. 4: and at 1 PM. May 4 was at 20 feet 5 inches. May 5. at 1 PM was at 18 feet; May 6 at 1, was at 15½ feet. May 8 at 12½ feet. The Flood was at an end having continued Three Weeks.

Observations about the city — made at the dates.

April 17, when the water was at 22 feet, it covered Front Street from the north end to near Morgan Street, & in gutters reached Morgan Street. South of Morgan Street to near Temple Street it was within a few inches of Front Street, & in some places was on the lower side of the street. Against & near Temple Street, Front Street was 2 to 4 feet above the flood, & continued out of the water from 1 to 4 feet to the South end, except at South end the water was on some rods of Front Street, in vicinity of Little River. All the cellars below front street had water in them — some full, some ½ full, & a great many lower rooms, above cellars, or where there were no cellars, had water in them. Many fences were all covered — both meadows appeared to be covered — some houses at lower end of N. meadow & near N. end of Front Street, & E. & N.E. of it, & in other places, were in a bad state. One or more had water on the windows. Barns, hoggens, stores, lumber yards, &c. had water in them. Many hogs were let loose into the streets; boats, waggons, trucks, &c. were going in every direction, removing goods, furniture, &c.

June &c. 1843.

Great flood of April 1843 at Hartford - continued

April 17. continued - water 22 feet and 1 or 2 inches -
The houses &c on both banks of Mill River had water in their cellars; the water was level up to Imlay's Mill; no appearance of dams below; the flood was all around the platform on which the Jail is built.

April ~~17~~ As the water continued to rise, there was great confusion in some places; goods were first removed up into first story, then into 2 story; so with furniture, fuel, provisions, &c. Also in the streets things were removed to a higher part of the street; then removed again to a still higher place. Some houses seemed to have their furniture, &c. removed to other buildings, and the families also.

April 17. at 2 P.M. when water was at 22 feet 10 inches Front Street was boatable from N. End to Talcott Street; all wells & cellars full below & many above, Front St. Many lower rooms more or less filled: back-houses, fences, casks, boxes, wood, lumber, &c floating about among the buildings — Some distance above Front Street was covered with water towards northern end of the street. — It was a rainy day. Wind N. & E.

April 18. when water was between 24 and 25 feet, in morning, water was in Front Street from N. End to within 2 or 3 rods of Temple Street, and South of Temple Street was on Front Street in 3 or 4 places - a foot more would cover almost all Front Street, and 18 inches would cover the whole or very near it. Kilbourn, Ferry, and Grove Streets were covered up to and in Front Street. In State Street, a few rods were bare below Front St. At 3. P.M. when the water was near 26 feet (it rose 7 or 8 inches from 6 to 3 o'clock) it was deep at the corner of Arch & Front Street & some distance in each of those streets. Across Little River it was up to the bottom of the Sheldon barn, and about 5 feet (to judge by the eye) below the site of the house. All sorts of things were floating below Front Street, & some back-houses & other back buildings along Little River. The Water was up to doors of some buildings, to windows of others, to upper sash &c. below Front Street and in N.E. part of city on view on Front Street, Village Street, & Windsor Street. Much moving of property continued. Boats were going in every direction among the buildings. Some vessels — anchored in the River & some brought up into Little River. Cargoes could not be loaded or unloaded. Rained gently most of the day.

April 19. Water this morning as it was last evening - it was round the Jail on the platform, & in the lower part. It seemed not 2 feet below the Great Bridge. In East Hartford meadow, the flood was up to near the floor of several recently built houses, or on floor; in most of the old houses there, it was on the windows - just on, half way on, &c

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The Flood of April 1843 at Hartford—continued.

April 19 continued. The point of land between Connecticut and Hockanum rivers was almost all covered, though discernible in a few places.
In Front Street there were the following places out of water, in the middle or highest part of the street:— viz: 6 or 7 rods at end of Temple Street; 12 or 14 rods between Ferry and Grove Streets, and 4 or 5 rods south of Grove Street. There was water in the gutters half the distance just noted. In State St. the water came up to within about 2 rods of Front St.

Cloudy day—cool. Water fell all day.

April 20. Vessels were discharging cargoes on Arch Street.

April 22. When the water was down to 19 feet it flooded some buildings. Most of cellars full yet.

April 23. I noticed that 18½ feet flooded a great part of the Eastern & North Eastern part of the city, and much of the meadows. Deep water about north end of Front Street.

Water up again after 22.

April 28. The water covered Front Street to within a few rods of Morgan Street, & most all below Front Street & much above it North of Morgan Street — when it was about 21 feet above low water mark.

May 2. Water at 22 feet — all Front Street north of Morgan Street covered. It came up Talcott Street to Front Street. At 1 P.M. 22 feet 5 inches, it covered Front Street about Talcott Street, and came into Morgan Street a little.

May 3. The lower part of the city presented a most dreary appearance — the water appeared very filthy

May 5. At 18 feet, much water in low places. Commerce Street just freed from water. A coat of mud & filth left every where

May 6. at 15½ feet, the water was mostly confined to the channel of the river. Some remained on North meadows. Filthy ponds remained in several places in the lower part of the city. Brick buildings all show how far up the water soaked the brick.

It was said that 300 families in Hartford & E. Hartford had water on their lower floors.

At Middletown papers says the flood there was within 7 inches of the flood of 1801 — called 21 feet above L.W. Mark. There was a dam of ice below in 1801, none now. There was a great flood at Wethersfield, Windsor, &c. At Springfield said to be within 4 inches of 1801. — There was a vast lake from Ware House Point to below Middletown.

June, &c. 1843

The Great Flood — continued.

A great many families lived 2 or 3 weeks in their upper rooms or chambers — some in one story buildings lived under the roof. Some removed to higher parts of the city. These families, and some who continued in their lower rooms, could get fuel, water, food, physicians, &c. only by aid of boats.

Those in E. Hartford meadow, who had the flood around and in their houses were if possible in a worse situation than those on the west side of the river, being farther from dry land.

Wilch Point was considerably injured — the earth being carried away to some depth in several places. Some lumber was swept away.

Many fences were swept off in the meadows.

Sand covered some lands to a considerable depth. I noticed a large tract covered with sand near the line between Hartford & Windsor, adjoining the Connecticut.

The flood of 1840, (which cut a channel through Hockanum meadow) is not noticed on the Hartford Connecticut river register of the height of water. Perhaps was not a great flood there

April 29. 3 Vessels were unloading in Little River.
Vessels were loading & unloading there several days.

June 12. The river rose again to 15 feet above low water mark.
This flood of 15 feet covered the wharves & some of the meadows.

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Vegetation in Spring of 1843, at Hartford

April 8. Not a bud had started, except what started in January: no green grass, except what was green under the snow — in & about Hartford.

April 10. A little swelling of the buds of lilac and one or two other kinds of shrubs — very little.

April 15 Grass began to look green a little
Lilac buds in warm places on S. side of buildings were much swelled & some were opening.

16 A few lilac and gooseberry leaf buds were opening, and one or two other kinds
Elm blossoms appeared on a few trees; most elms seemed unchanged. Grass grew in warm places.

23 Many Lilac leaves open, & the bushes looked greenish
One or two other kinds showed leaves. Daffodils in blossom
Buds of cherries, horse chesnuts, &c. swelled. Some elms were changing color.

27. Grass considerably green in some lots.

28. Lilacs quite green: leaves open & purple bud clusters out
Gooseberry leaves as large as 6 & 10 cent pieces
Early Elms greenish with seed formation — reddish color changed to brownish green.
Horse Chesnuts — large buds opening, & some fully open
Syringa leaves open
English Cherry — many leaf buds open, & flower buds visible
Thorns (Prospect St) showed small leaves
Plums — green buds.
Pears — a few open leaves — large buds
Apples — green buds — a few leaves open in warm places.
Soft Maples quite red: Willows greenish with leaves
Currant leaves open.

May 1 I saw 2 peach blossoms on a limb close to a brick house in Market Street. — Fields very green, some red maples and some greenish scattered about the valley. Fruit trees a little advanced since 28th.
Trees in State house yard have large buds but no leaves, except small leaves on tulip trees.
Horse chesnut leaves generally open: pyramids of flower buds two inches long.
Crab-apples green with leaves
Apricot — 3 or 4 in Front Street and 4 or 5 trees in Prospect St. in blossom; began to blossom April 29th.

May 4 English cherry blossoms — a few out } close by brick walls
Early Plums do — do. }
No peach blossoms except on tree noticed May 1.
Most all fruit-trees, green or greenish; same in E. Hartford
Elms considerably green with seeds, leaf buds & leaves.
Most trees (except oak & chesnut) have changed color
Many red maples.

5. English cherry blossoms — a hundred or more near brick walls
Hard maple & white wood trees in State house yard show leaves — no others in the yard
Yellow blossoms out on flowering currants so called.
Trees that have stood for days, & some for a week or more in the water seem to be as forward as those on higher ground.

6 Currants began to blossom.

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Vegetation — continued. At Hartford.

May 8 Some peach blossoms coming out on other trees besides that noticed May 8. That tree not yet in full blossom
Eng. Cherry trees — many growing white with blossoms
10 Eng. cherry — quite white — not full.
Common cherry — begins to blossom
Pears begun to blossom yesterday
Plums — beginning to blossom generally
Peach blossoms coming out — some not open yet. Peach trees are not so forward as cherries.
11 All trees reddish, green, or greenish, except chesnut, oak, button ball, & thorny locust.
Chesnuts & oaks are turned little — brownish, and in some places, a very little greenish.
Grass fields far & near are very green.
12 Apple, Crab Apple, Lilac } Trees — show a few open blossoms near buildings — very few.
Dandelions have been in blossom some days.
All trees in State house yard have open leaves.
14 Chesnuts & oaks generally greenish
English cherry, Peach } nearly in full blossom
Pear & plum quite white
Apple trees — many have begun; but few blossoms yet out
Early vernal grass shows heads
Colors — a great variety among leaves of trees — red and reddish, green & greenish, brown, &c — also white and whitish from blossoms.
Horse chesnut begins to show flowers.
20. Things have grown fast.
Apple trees in city in full blossom
Crab apple " — do — do
Horse chesnut " — do — do or near it
E. cherry & com. cherry blossoms fallen
Peach blossoms mostly fallen; some trees retain them
Pears & plums were in full blossom May 16
Flowering Almonds began to flower " 15 full 21st.
Tulips — " do " 16.
All trees green — but thorny locust & button ball have quite small leaves, & but little green.
Lilacs not yet full.
Crow foot shows blossoms — a few. (buttercups)
English grass begins to show heads
Thorn bush flowers begin to open.
Walnut & Butternut show seed strings —
Dandelions innumerable — some gone to seed.
Grass in good mowings. Cinches high
Vegetation round the city, or on the Windsor road, about as forward as in city.
22 Most blossoms fallen except apple. Some peach blows remain
24 Quinces show blossoms
25 Lilacs in full blossom. Horse chesnut blossoms all remain on trees
28. Crow foot blossoms very plenty. Red clover shows heads a few
Orchard grass shows panicles. Fruit blossoms fallen except quince
Quince not quite full. Many dandelions gone to seed
Some peach blossoms on trees. No white ox eyed daisies out.
30 White daisy began to blossom.

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Vegetation at Hartford — continued.

June 3 White daisy — considerably out
Crowfoot — not yet fell
Snowballs — now white — have been green 7 or 8 days
Yellow lilly — just begins to blossom
Flower de luce have been in blossom 8 or 10 days
Prunes blossoms — remain on trees.
Currants are used for pies
Peony blossoms begin to show themselves
June 5. Syringa begins to blossom.

May was a cold month — a fire was needed mostly the days, and nearly every evening.

June 1 was a cold day — colder than any day in May
Wind N.W.

June 2. there was a severe FROST in New England, New York, &c. It was destructive in low lands about Hartford — cut down garden vegetables, corn, &c. was more severe there than about Northampton.

SNOW fell in small quantities in many places about the first of June. — a little on highlands in Connecticut — a few flakes seen in the valley.

ICE formed in many places night of June 1–2.

Fire was kindled several evenings in June.

House Flies } had but just begun to come when I left
Horse Flies } Hartford, June 16 — not enough to be
Musketoes } troublesome — very few seen.

Evening Noises — nothing but tree toads or frogs.

Albert went down to Hartford on the 26th of April. He had lived with us at Northampton since May 21. 1842. Has not always behaved well.

My Sickness

I was taken in the night of April 23–24. with pain in the region of the kidney & bladder — never had any thing of the kind before — much pain that night & next day. — Had Dock. Taft the homoeopathic physician & grew easier towards night but not apparently from any thing I had taken. Had no difficulty in making water at any time. April 25, I was still better. 26 still better. This day a small round substance about as large as a very small pea passed in the water without any pain — Doct. supposes it came from the kidney. 27 better. 28 I went out & walked down to the river &c. 29 went to work again — It was the right kidney that was affected — it was the place I hurt by a fall in Boston in winter of 1840–41. That side has at times given me pain ever since that fall, but higher up than the kidney — perhaps no connexion with this late attack. I still have disagreeable feelings about the right kidney, or higher up.

June to 1843.

My Labors at Hartford.

Of the first appropriation of the State of Connecticut of 500 dollars, I expended $473.34 (see March 1842), viz. my services — 203.00
Paper for 60 Volumes — 77.78
Binding 64 volumes — 125.50
Ruling & trimming paper — 1.99
Paste — 1.57
Pasting 60 volumes — 61.25
Fuel — 2.25
473.34 } $500.00
Remains in hands of Com. 26.66

Of the 2d appropriation of 500 dollars, I have expended as follows:-
Last Fall and Winter (see Oct to Jan) 245.22
This Spring & Summer — 177.16
422.38 } $500.00
Remains in hands of Committee — 77.62

I expended this last time as follows:-
My Services 60 days — 80.00
Mrs. Sage pasting 27 Volumes — 20.00
Paper of Mr Hudson 15.55: of Goodwin 5.52 — 21.07
Binding 27 Volumes (& ruling 62¢) — 54.62
Fuel (coal & charcoal) — 1.47 $177.16

Volumes made by each appropriation—

	1st appropriation	2d appropriation.	Total
War	9 Vols.	1 Vol.	10
Revolutionary War	0	37	37
Towns & Lands	8	2	10
Ecclesiastical	11	4	15
Industry	1	1	2
Insolvent Debtors	0	1	1
Susquehanna Settlers	0	1	1
Private Controversies	5	1	6
Court Papers	0	1	1
Miscellaneous	2	1	3
Finance & Currency	4	1	5
Crimes & Misdemeanors	4	2	6
Trade & Maritime affairs	1	1	2
Travel	1	2	3
Lotteries & Divorces	0	1	1
Colonial Boundaries	2	1	3
Schools & College	1	1	2
Indians	1	1	2
Civil Officers &c	3	0	3
Militia	5	0	5
Foreign Correspondence	2	0	2
Bound only—			
Finance	2	0	2
Journals	2	0	2
	64	60	124

June, &c. 1843.

Vegetation in Northampton, Spring of 1843.
From minutes made by son C. Parkman.

April 24. Lilac leafbuds pretty open.
28 Some leaves seen on Elm trees (he means the green seeds, which appear before the leaves.)
May 2 Cherry trees have a few leaves open
4 Jonquils in blossom. (Daffodils.—
8 Eng. Cherry — a few open blossoms.
Currants — do. do.
10 Com. Cherry — shows a few leaves
Willows — full of leaves
Red maple — in blossom
11 Sugar maple — shows leaves
Shad blossoms — out full
Quinces — show leaves
Dandelions — show abundance of blossoms.
12 Asparagus big enough to cut
14 English Cherries in full blossom [H. K. Starkweather's sarpoame
Apple trees show a few open leaves
Pear trees show a few blossoms
Currants in full blossom
15 Apple } have a few open blossoms
Crab Apple }
16 Egg plum in blossom
Lilacs show a few open flowers
Peach trees were almost killed by the winter or spring. no buds nor blossoms. A few leaves begin to open.
18 Pinks in blossom. Butternuts in flower.
Chesnuts show some open leaves
Locusts — do. do.
19 Meadows in a good state for working.
20 Horse Chesnut — in blossom
Button ball has small leaves
Hedge Thorn shows leaves.
English Cherries — some blossoms fallen — many on — some just open
[The full was probably nearer the 20th than the 14th.]
21 Crab Apple — Williston's in full blossom. [Apples do. H.K.S.
Dry weather — no rain for some weeks.
Flowering Almonds in blossom some days ago
23 Peach trees in Westhampton show some blossoms
Walnuts, shagbark, leaves are opening.
Oaks, red & white, have small leaves (in W. H?
24 Tulips in blossom
Young peach trees have now generally some leaves — some very full.
Snowballs in blossom
25 Indian Corn — planting in the meadows is only half-done — Some corn is up.
Oats & other spring grain is generally up.
26 Cherry blossoms have fallen
Lilacs — not quite in full bloom
Common cherry in blossom
Grass looks well in meadows & elsewhere
29 Quinces in bloom
30 Peach trees that seemed dead are putting forth leaves
Caterpillars & worms very plenty.
May 13 Ploughing, planting & sowing in the meadows

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Vegetation in Northampton 1843.

C. Parkman started for Augusta, Maine June 1, and I have no record of the progress of vegetation here since that time.

On the Road from Springfield to Northampton —

June 16, when I came up; —

Mowings & pastures looked well — grass fresh & luxuriant where the land is good. Same about Hartford.

Indian Corn — was generally hoed once, and none but once — it was small — not so forward in Northampton meadow as in S. Hadley and Springfield uplands.

Broom Corn — very small — some hoed once; some not hoed.

Winter Rye appeared well — seemed to have attained its height nearly — had not changed color — was not in blossom.

Oats was from 3 to 6 inches high and looked well — not so forward in N.H meadow as below.

June 19. Northampton after I came home.

I had not time to look about till Monday the 19th June. Then found: —

Herds grass — many tops of heads out; a few whole heads out.
Orchard Grass — in blossom.
English Grass — some in blossom — some past.
Tall oat grass (J.D. Whitney's) } in blossom
Tall grass (like some in W. Hampton) }
Tall grass (perhaps Fowl meadow — Mrs. Willis's lot) panicles out.
Red Clover — in full flower — some fields a little past
Butter cups — past full blossom — many blossoms on; many fallen.
White (ox eyed) daisy — in blossom — not many to be seen.
Some Homelots nearly ready to be cut. Judge Lyman's cut to day. (& Talbot's)
Syringa's in all their glory — a full display.
Snowballs — mostly gone! — a few roses are.
Tulips — all fallen — Tulip tree in blossom.
Peonies — past the full — many to be seen — many fallen
Yellow Lillies — a fine display — a little past the full.
Common Locust — Flowers all on — a little past the full.
Thorny Co — (Acacia) Many green buds: Honey Locust has flowers
Currants — about fully grown — color not changed.
Eng. Cherries — Early ones about full grown, & becoming reddish.
Crab apples — from 3/8 to 1/2 inch in diameter
Apples — about the same, or smaller — said not to be plenty.
Peaches — none.
Thimble berries — almost half grown.
Horse chestnuts — full of little burrs — no flowers.
Gardens are backward — most plants small. Some peas in blossom

Vegetation is now a little more advanced than it was June 13, 1842, the day before I started for Augusta. Being absent last year, I cannot compare June 19 with present June 19. I think vegetation is 2 or 3 days later than it was in 1842.

Comparing Hartford & Northampton, I find the difference this season is only 3 or 4 days in favor of Hartford — in some things not so much. The middle of the day is often warmer at Northampton than at Hartford.

June 1843.

Monday 19. The Flood of 1843. in Northampton.

I cannot get correct information as to this flood compared with the Jefferson flood of 1801. The opinions are various – but few of any marks remain of the height of the water in 1801. Some say the flood of 1843 was the highest, others affirm that 1801 was the highest. There evidently was not much difference, and probably the flood of 1801 was a little the highest. Was formerly a mark on stone house for flood of 1801 now gone.

W. K. Stankwcather Jr. gave me a few minutes of the flood. He says the meadows were covered with water four weeks by the great flood. It commenced raining April 14 and Mill River was very high the 15th; the Connecticut began to rise April 16th & rose very fast that day and the next night. Early on the morning of the 17th, the water poured into the cellars in Maple Street, & before night boats & rafts were sailing up & down the whole length of Maple & Fruit Streets. Eight cellar walls fell in, in part. People sailed in boats over Clark's Mill Dam; the water was considerably above the dam, but not enough to make smooth water; the water by its motions showed where the dam was.

C. Parkman says the Hockanum House boat came up to South Street bridge, April 16 – that the water setting back from the Connecticut ran over the road this side of that bridge on the 16th; and was 2½ feet in the road the 17th – and the flood at its height on the morning of the 18th.

It began to rain about 5 o'clock on the evening of the 14th. Hamps. Gazette says the Connecticut began to rise on Sunday April 15; Stankwcather says Sundry April 16. The flood was caused by the vast quantities of melted snow rather than by the amount of rain.

The flood was within about 2 feet of the plank of South Street bridge. – A boat went through Maple Street with difficulty, & touching the ground, in 1801 – now 1843 boats went through easily – Boats went over the dam in 1801, and in 1843, but the water was highest on the dam in 1843 – said to be 1½ feet or more above the dam.

The flood came up from Maple Street & just connected with that in Fruit Street in the highway near the corner where Powers lives. The water did not extend in South Street higher than against Fruit Street.

Dr. Thompson says the water was on the flat in the lot on which the house of the late Dr. Hunt stands – near where Dr. Hunt's old barn stood. The water was ankle deep in the barn – above sills of floor.

June 1843.

The Flood of April 1843 in Northampton.

Immense quantities of sand were brought upon the lower parts of the meadows in Northampton, Hadley and Hatfield; large tracts are covered to the depth of a foot or more, and no grass visible. Mr. Graves says that of 18 acres in Old Rainbow, he shall not be able to mow over 3 acres.

From the best information I am able to obtain, I am satisfied that the Connecticut was not so high in 1843 as in 1801. There was more land bare at Bark Wigwam & in the northern part of meadow in 1843 than in 1801. In 1801, boats sailed along under the bank near Bridge Street, the whole distance to the present bridge, which could not be done in 1843 – so Enos Kingsley says — Yet it seems pretty certain that the water about South Street bridge in Maple Street, &c. was higher in 1843 than 1801. This must have been caused by the great flood in Mill River – R.S. Some affirm that it was just higher in 1843 than in 1801.

There was no damming of the Connecticut by ice this year, as in some former years.

In Hadley, as I learn, the flood was a few inches lower than in 1801 – perhaps 3 inches. —

June 26 & 27. I noticed much land in Hadley and Hatfield meadows covered with sand. The damage is great in these towns & greater in Northampton. Much land was carried off in Old Rainbow and elsewhere, and other serious inroads are threatened. The river has not done so much damage to the meadows for many years, – perhaps never was so much done in one year. The South Meadow however, being below the present main channel was not injured much, nor Hogs bladder.

Hundreds of acres will produce nothing (in the North meadow) for some years; and some lands are said to be so covered with sand as to be nearly ruined for a generation or more. Perhaps not.

Great damage done to Hadley Fort Meadow by wearing away the land, as well as covering it with sand.

Hadley people affirm that in the flood of 1839 the water was higher in their street, about 8 inches, than in the Jefferson flood. It was caused by a dam of ice somewhere below, & did not long remain at that height.

The water came up almost to the road in front of the Jail; and some came into the road opposite Russel's house below the Jail. It came up several rods this side of the meadow gate, and was only 3 or 4 rods distant from that opposite Russel's house. It was up to the barn a few rods below the late David Strong's house, and only 2 or 3 feet below the sill of the house.

June, 1843.

Money Affairs.

	I brought from Hartford (see March 18)	391. 86
	A Chapman paid in my absence. Interest on his note to May 16. 1843	30. 00
June 19	John Clarke paid me his note dated June 3 1842 for 1210 $ and Interest $75.83	1285. 83
		1707. 69
29	Rec'd of Hall for money paid for him in Hartford	1. 75
		1709. 44

Paid out

June 17	Thayer's account for beef, &c.	1. 21.
	Power's account for Cambric, &c.	0. 87
	15 lbs Graham flour	0. 50.
19	Balance of Isaac Clark's account	11. 06
	Barrel of best flour of John Clarke	6. 50
	Parish Tax $12.88 – 64 out	12. 24
	Mrs. Shepard Milk from March 16 to this date inclusive. 54 3/4 qts at 4 cts	2. 19
	The family expended of Chapman's money before I returned	2. 00.
	C. Parkman borrowed of Chapman's money before he went to Maine	8. 00 (Note)
22	Veal 4 1/2 lbs at 5 cents	22
	Cash sent to Boston to pay for Emancipator from March 4. 1842 to June 4. 1844	5. 00
23	Carrying out stove 8c – 26 hr Wash woman 50c	58
27	Stage fare to & from Greenfield (I went on foot part of the way) & tolls	1 79.
"	Purchased at Greenfield 15 shares in Greenfield Bank at par	1500. 00.
"	Allowed the interest since last dividend April 1. 1843	21. 75
28 –	Meat 21 cts. pr shoes for Pin $1.12.	1. 33
29	Doct. Walker to examine wife's foot	0. 50
30 –	Gloves for Pin 67c. Ben for wife 6c	0. 73
July 1	Town Tax 22.38. disc. 5 pct. 1.12 =	21. 26
		1597. 73
3	Snuff 8c. Postage bill last quarter 3.62	3 70
	Berries 6. Bridge toll 6c. Raisins. 9	0. 21
4	Bread 8. Cheese 4c. Bread 8c	0. 20
5	Brother Parsons bill since March 16 is 9.85. – I paid him July 6. $3	3. 00
7	5 lbs lamb 30c. Washing 50 cts. July 10 – S & Lathrop 12c	0. 92
11	33 yds Merrimac Cotton at 8 1/2 cents	2. 81.
"	9 1/4 lbs Beef to corn at 4 cents	37.
"	1 Gal. Molasses 33. Salt 6c. 1 bush Wheat of G. Cook 8	1. 72
"	Let C. Parkman have 5 dolls	5. 00 (Note)
12	4 yds toweling 56c. pr 9 calloon 30c	0. 86
13 –	16 3/4 yds Cotton 9c. 1.51. 5 yds bleach. Cotton 55.	2 06
"	paid towards bowl and pitcher	21
	(see next page)	1618 99

June 1843.

Money Affairs.

In my absence the family expended, what I left — 6.50
Also, borrowed of Isaac Clark — 5.00
Also, took of money paid by Chapman — 2.00
$13.50.

This money was expended for Wash woman, 50 cents once in two weeks; for 2 gowns for Peninnah; for trimmings for gowns & bonnet — for dress makers, yeast, and other small matters.

Isaac Clark took my bank Dividend April 1, $3½ per share on 7 shares } 24.50
He also took that of Oct last which was — 28.00
but I have had of him cash & goods for a year past or thereabouts, $63.56. & so I owed him 11.06 and paid him June 19th. About half of his account was cash — perhaps more.

Money is plenty, owing to the limited business of the country, and capitalists find it difficult to invest money safely. Stocks of various kinds have risen within a few months from 10 to 20 per cent. Money can be borrowed in the cities at 4 and 5 per cent, the security being perfectly good. Even here in the country it is difficult to invest money safely at 6 per cent.

In England money is lent at 2½ and 3 per cent.

Paid Out

		Sum brought from last page	1618.99	
July	13.	10 yards cotton, bleached, 10 days since	1.00	
	"	Mrs Shepards Milk bill from June 19 to this date 19¼ quarts	0.77	
	"	Raisins, Starch and fish glue	0.29	
	"	Tape and thread 12c. Hat 3.25	3.37	
	14	Let Parkman have 5 dollars more	5.00	(Note.)
	"	1 Pitcher 13c. Ink powder 8	0.21	
		Left for family	3.01	
			1632.44	
	"	Took with me to Hartford	77.00	
			$1709.44	

June 1843

Tuesday 20 Wrote to Parkman who is at Augusta.
The nights are cool, and vegetation makes slow progress.
Night noises — Tree toads — & some frogs
Night insects — Lightning bugs
Hornet bugs — said to be about
Day Insects. Com. house flies — not half a dozen about
Horse flies — begin to trouble horses a little.
Muskitoes — some have appeared.
Apple tree worms — begin to crawl on fences, &c.
Birds begin to eat English cherries, which are turning red.
Young robins are about as large as old ones.
The Canal is in order and boats arrive & depart on it. The first boat from New Haven came May 5.

Wednesday 21. Locusts which come once in 17 years have appeared in many parts of the country. They were plenty in 1809, as I remember, on the North River and elsewhere — also in 1826. I believe they have never appeared in this vicinity, except here & there one.
Bunker Hill — the great parade there on the 17th did not excite much interest among the yeomanry in this region. Some 20 or 30 persons were there from Northampton.
The President's Tour does not attract much attention in the country, except where those who have obtained or wish to obtain some favor from him stir up a portion of the mass. In the cities thousands & tens of thousands are always ready to turn out. The president is not popular, nor is he very unpopular. He is viewed with a sort of indifference by most people. He is in fact "small potatoes". I liked his opposition to the pernicious Bank, but never felt much respect for him. Those who enjoy the loaves & fishes under him, and those who are seeking them, laud him to the skies.

Thursday 22. Cucumber yellow bugs have been about a few days.
To day has been the first real corn-growing summer day this year. Up the river and even about here, many people are hoeing their corn the first time.
Three sisters of the late mother Hall here to day from Templeton — Brown, Shattuck, Stone.

Friday 23. Wrote to H. O. Sheldon, Berea, Ohio, in reply to his inquiries.
Saturday 24 Yesterday & to day have been quite warm, with showers and vegetation has advanced rapidly
Locusts. I heard their music to-day, I think; I may be mistaken.
Shad are still caught. They were taking very good shad at the foot of S. Hadley Falls when I came from Hartford June 16.
"As lean as a June shad" is an old comparison that does not apply this year, nor usually.

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Sunday 25. Mr Clapp of Cabotville preached all day. There is still a large congregation in the old meeting house; though it is thin compared with 10 or 15 years ago. There are 6 meetings here every Sabbath — 2 Congregational 1 Baptist, 1 Methodist in Townhall, 1 Episcopal, 1 Unitarian — and I believe the Catholics sometimes have a priest at the North end of King Street.

Monday 26. Having a considerable sum of money on hand and finding no good investment here, I made up my mind to buy some shares of the Greenfield Bank, (more on the opinion and advice of others than from any knowledge of my own — this is acting contrary to my common way, and perhaps I shall be sorry for it.) I had written to Mr Ripley, the Cashier and ascertained that shares could be had at par — I took 15 shares at par, (and interest since the last dividend was made April 1.) — paid for shares & interest $1521.75 — I went up Monday, but did not purchase till Tuesday. Northampton Bank shares are held at 110 dollars or more and Chicopee, the same. Good Rail Road shares are much above par, and there seems to be no demand for money on mortgage of real estate — at least none where the investment would be desirable.

I went up to Greenfield by way of Amherst, there being no stage by day (there is one by night) between Northampton and Greenfield — might have taken the stage at Hadley but chose to walk to Amherst — then went N.W. to the S. end of Mt. Toby — went through North Amherst Village — and came into Sunderland Street, and crossed the bridge to S. Deerfield, &c.

Tuesday 27 Did my business with Mr Ripley at the Bank (staid with Brother Hall while at Greenfield) and walked down to South Deerfield 8 miles to Sister Smith's — after being there a short time, the stage came along, and I came home.

Vegetation

The crops are quite as forward in Amherst, Greenfield &c. as in Northampton and Hadley — indeed Northampton & Hadley meadows are more backward than uplands, perhaps owing to the flood.

Grass looks well on all good lands. Red clover & butter cups are a little past the full; White daisy is in blossom in all places where it grows; it is not plenty in any of the towns through which I passed, but there are very many spots where it appears. Herd grass heads are generally out but have not attained their full height.

Mowing has commenced in Greenfield homelots, Deerfield homelots (meadow a little). Hatfield home and other lots — not begun in Amherst — Northampton homelots, a few are mowed.

White clover is very plenty this season.

Tall grass — the three kinds are in flower.

Red Clover — all sowed nowadays is the Pennsylvania short clover.

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Tuesday 27. Vegetation — continued —

Rye — now looked better. Many fields are from 5 to 6 feet high, I judge. The color has not yet changed much, if any. The lower end of the kernel may be found in a milky state. I believe the flower has disappeared, but am not certain.

Wheat — I saw none except in Hatfield. There are several pieces that look well.

Indian Corn — Has every where been hoed once, and a considerable number of pieces have been hoed twice, or are now undergoing the operation of second hoeing. — Not one piece in 6 has been hoed twice. The best corn I saw was in Amherst and Hatfield. Much corn is only 6 or 7 inches high; that hoed twice is from 8 to 12 or 14 inches high — a very little 18 inches high.

Broomcorn — has all been hoed once, and a few pieces the 2d time. It is every where small — the best pieces only 4 or 5 inches high. The low price does not deter people from planting it.

Oats promise well — are 8 or 10 inches high in many pieces.

Potatoes do — do. — are in all stages from not up to a foot high.

Chestnuts are not yet in blossom — the strings of buds are visible, but not yet white

Whortleberries — a low sort are now in blossom by the roadsides. Other

English Cherries — some sorts are almost ripe. [are ½ grown

Currants — a few begin to turn red.

Flowers — Seringas are nearly all fallen. Canterbury bells, Roses of various sorts, pinks of many kinds, Sweet Williams, lichnidias, &c. adorn the Gardens & door yards

The display of flowers increases every year, both in flower pots, and gardens & yards. Some cultivate flowers from a perception of their beauty and some because it is fashionable to do so; most — it is probably out of regard to both beauty & fashion.

Dahlias a few are in blossom. These plants have been cultivated here but a few years. It is very early for Dahlia blossoms. Most do not blossom till Aug.

Wednesday 28 Wife baked Graham Bread or bread of unbolted wheat. The flour weighed 7¼ lbs. and the bread, an hour or two after it was taken from the oven, weighed 13¾ lbs — a great increase. It will become lighter. We have used Graham bread in part for 2 or 3 years — at times almost wholly; and at times all wheat-flour bread (Bolted.) The weight of the 7¼ lbs flour above, was increased by ½ a pint molasses, and near a pound of potatoes yesterday of both 1½ lbs — so the increase was from about 8¾ to 13¼ or near 50 per cent.

I weighed to day 158 lbs — have lost flesh since I last went to Hartford.

The Harvesting of Wheat began in Georgia & some other places the first week in June; in North Carolina about the middle of June; they have harvested wheat in Virginia the last week in June & first week in July. North Carolina wheat was in Baltimore market about July 1; in N. York market July 7.
(See 3 leaves forward)

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Thursday 29 Rode out P.M. with William Clark to his rye, corn, &c. beyond the Silk Factory, and on my return, visited Hall & Frances at the Community

Rye on the plains is partly good, & partly thin & poor — not so good as last year — not so good as to the north.
Corn is fair — as large as in the meadows.

Friday 30. Wrote to Park. & Apphia in reply to theirs that came yesterday.

Crops in North meadow — the upper parts.
Rye looks well — milky kernels not quite half grown. Color not changed. Heads are generally erect but many are beginning to bend over from the weight of the kernels.
Wheat — I found none.
Corn is nearly all hoed twice. In the lower places of this part of the meadow, much of the corn is only 8 or 10 inches high — in higher parts it is from 8 to 12 inches, and many pieces from 10 to 16 inches.
Broom Corn — but little planted compared with former years — It is from 3 to 6 inches high — hoed but once generally.
Oats are 8 or 10 inches high — full of yellow flowers of the wild Turnip, and other trash.
Grass looks pretty well. Heds grass heads mostly out & some in flower. Redtop panicles are partly out and many entirely. Clover in the wane. White (oxeye) daisy in full blossom; not very plenty in the meadow. The high white daisy (smaller flower) is more common.
Mowing has hardly begun in the meadow. A little clover mown, on one or two pieces.
Young grasshoppers about 1/4 inch long begin to show themselves.
Bobolinks } are almost the only singing birds observed in
Larks } the meadow.
Morning glory flowers, or something similar are plenty among grain. &c

The Season on Uplands —
See Remarks under June 27. Things have altered considerably in 3 warm days, but the notes then made are sufficient as to most plants.
English Cherry — some are ripe & others fast becoming so. Birds after them
Currants — some are red; more reddish; but much the greater part are green.
Corn — patches about gardens, &c. are 2 to 3 feet high.
Peas — some have been sold in the pods at 2/3 per peck.
Homelots — many are mown, and many not yet mown.
Horse chesnuts, 1/2 inch in diameter.
Thimbleberries (Mr. Shepards) not fully grown — all green yet.
Strawberries are ripe — have been for some days — sell at 9d per qt without stems.
Chesnuts — not yet in blossom — strings of buds are pale green — not yet white
White Lilly (Mr. S's) not in blossom — will not blossom for some days
Honey Locust Flowers remain, but are decaying.

Vegetation has a deep green, rank appearance, but the continued hot sun will soon produce too much dryness.
The South Meadow is more backward than the north. Corn small, & some hoed but once. Grass good.

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Friday 30. continued.

Sistu Lyman staid here last night & went home this morning. I gave up to her 2 notes against Eleazar Judd which had been in my keeping — on one is due 311 dollars & some cents and on the other (John & Eleazar's) about 175 dollars.

Insects. They came about very little till the warm weather began about the 20th of June.

House Flies } are becoming plenty & troublesome.
Horse Flies }
Lightning bugs are common.
Horned Bugs — I have not noticed any of them flying about in the evening. July 1. saw one.
Butterflies — I have seen only one or two.
Muskeetoes — are not numerous here, but some are about.

Evening noises are rather faint.

Crickets make some noise } Frogs & birds, now and
Treetoads do — " " — not numerous } there are heard — not much.

Peacocks make their disagreeable noises in the evening.
Whippoorwills I have not heard this season.

The Thermometrical record for June will be found some leaves back, all together.

The season, or rather Vegetation, is more backward June 30. or July 1. than it has been any year since I have particularly noticed it, though not far behind last year at this time. A few days will bring it near past years. Every thing alters fast now.

Wool — The sheep have been sheared during the month of June . . . . . The price of Wool was never lower — Merino about 25 to 28 cents; Saxony a trifle higher. The prices, however, are not yet established, but lots have been sold at 25 to 28 cents. — Sheep are low.

Butter sells very low — much at 8. 9. & 10 cents, and some at 12½ — average 9 or 10. Not much sold under 10 in this place.

The Season at Rochester, N.Y. From the G. Farmer.

After a long & severe winter, Wild geese appeared April 9. April 11. blackbirds & blue birds were seen or heard. 12, Robins, 16. Phebe. 21 Martins & Swallows & frogs. 25 Some flowers & some snow banks. May 7. Chimney Swallows. 14 Bobolinks.

Blossoms. Willow in blossom April 27. Poplar May 3. Apricot and Currant, May 7. Shadtree 8. Dandelion 9. Cherry 10. Gooseberry 11. plum 12. Apple & peach 16. Lilacs 17th. Horse Chestnut 21. Snowball & Peony June 9. Red & white clover 10 Roses 13. Locust 19. Chestnut July 9.

Fruits — Strawberries ripe June 16. Green peas for sale 17th. Cherries ripe 23d. New potatoes July 3. Whortleberries July . . . . Corn tasseled July 4. and silked July 7. Wheat Harvest begun 20th. Corn planting began May 13.

The season as to birds & blossoms was not very different from Northampton.

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Thermometer.—

		Sunrise	1 PM.	9 P.M.	
Saturday	1.	64	90	76.	Clear — dry — hot.
Sunday	2	68	90	67	Clear & hot till 4 P.M. Thunder Shower at 5. & rain 6½ to 7½.
	3	57	68	52	Clear & pleasant. Cool. Azure sky. Wind N.W.
	4	46	72	58	Clear & pleasant " do.
	5	62	70	57	Cloudy & a little rain A.M. Clear most P.M.
	6.	49	76.	65.	Clear & pleasant.
	7	55.	75.	66.	Cloudy & some sprinkling A.M. Clear P.M.
	8	61	80	59.	Fair A.M. ½ cloudy P.M. sprinkling.
Sunday	9	49	79	65	Clear & pleasant. Windsquall at 7 P.M.
	10	61	81.	68	½ Cloudy or more. Halo. Rain in evening.
	11.	58	82	60	Cloudy —
	12	49	82	56	Clear —
	13	49	78.	62	Clear & pleasant
	14.	50	80	68.	Clear & P. Dr Russel has new potatoes. Park. says

In my absence

					Remarks on Hartford & some N.H.
	15	61.	79.	70.	Sprinkling at H. mostly clear. — Varied at N.
Sunday	16	60.	87	63	mostly clear at H. Sprinkling at N.H.
	17	60.	66.	67	Rainy at H. Rainy at N.H.
	18	67.	87.	72	Cloudy A.M. Clear & hot P.M. at H. Some Rain A.M. at N.H.
	19	66.	81	67.	Clear & Pleasant at H. — Fair at N.H.
	20	51.	71.	57	do do at H. cool. Cold at N.H. & Clear
	21	45.	76.	62	do do at H. & do. " " "
	22	57.	81.	70.	do do at H. . . . Had cucumbers at N.
Sunday	23	59.	84	68.	do. do at H. . . . Fair at N.H. Fair at N.
	24	58.	89.	66.	Mostly Clear at H. — Cloudy, thunder & sprinkling towards night. Fair & variable at N.
	25	50.	83.		
	26	—	—	—	Park. gone. Clear. grey sky at H. & dry & dusty
	27	—	—	—	" Clear. at H. " "
	28	—	—	74	" Cloudy & Clear. slight shower A.M. & shower at 3. very warm at H.
	29	7.	77.	73.	½ clear. slight shower at H. 2 Showers at N.
Sunday	30	62.	63.	60	Heavy rain, cool at H. Rainy day at N.
	31	60.	85.	—	Cloudy at H. Cloudy at N.
August	1	52.	81.	63	½ clear. ½ cloudy.
	2	52.	—	68	Mostly Clear at H. Some Haze. — Fair & variable at N.
	3	56.	79.	56	
	4	54.	83.	63.	
	5	56.	81.	65	½ clear ½ cloudy at H. Clear & cloudy at N. Rain in Evening
Sunday	6	60.	60.	62	Heavy rain in night & some to day. Rain most at N.
	7	60.	81.	69.	Cloudy at H. Variable at N.
	8	68.	76.	69.	Cloudy & heavy Showers at N. & N.H.
	9	66.	76.	67.	Cloudy & some rain at H. Showers at N.
	10	65.	85.	67.	Cloudy: and rain P.M. at H. Cloudy & 2 Showers at N.
	11	64.	70.	63	Cloudy & gentle rain on the way. Some rain at N.
					At Northampton
	12	63.	86.	69.	mostly Clear. N.W.
Sunday	13	60.	85.	62	" " S.E.
	14	58.	83.	72	" " S.E.
	15	68	—	62	Fair S.E.
	16	52	72.	62.	do. "
	17	58	82.	69.	do. S.W.
	18	56.	75.	70	do. "
	19	70	76.	72.	Some mist & rain.

July, 1843.

Saturday 1. Hottest day this year, if whole day is considered.
Hottest night this year followed the day.

Sunday 2 Mr Wiley Ann. Rev. A. B. Warner Pr.
Hottest day this year till about 4 O'clock. Wind S.
Thermom. at 1. 90, at 3½, 92. at 4 90. and
it fell 20 degrees to 70 in a little more than an hour.
A wind cloud and high wind at 4½. from N.W.
A Thunder shower from 4¾ to 5¼. and continued
thunder & lightning - no cessation. A fine shower.
Rain again & distant thunder 6½ to 7½.

Monday 3. Rode to S.E. part of Hadley, S. & E. Dickinson's Tannery,
on Fort River. (An Auction of their personal estate).
The land is very good in that part of Hadley & crops
look well.
A great change in the weather since the Thunder Shower.
Quite cool.

Tuesday 4 The heat of Sunday, the wind & rain & cool weather that
followed, were very similar at N. York city to what they were here.
To day is Independence, so called - In the forenoon
Mr Garrison & Mr Boyle held forth on Abolition
under the Elm Trees near the Town Hall. The audience
was not very numerous. Both arraigned the clergy and
the church members of the U.S. and their censures were
unqualified and unsparing on all clergy & churches
of all denominations, for their indifference or opposition
to abolition, and their support of Slavery, direct or indirect.
These men are too vituperative & denunciatory of almost
every body, to do the greatest good.
In the afternoon there was a great gathering of all
sorts, sects and parties (the Garrison abolitionists and
the blacks excepted) in Lewis Strong's hornelot where
they had music, eating, speechifying, &c. I never attend
such parties; never did. Penfunah was among them.
A large number were present - men, women & children.
It was a Temperance Celebration.
I rode into the South Meadow, P.M. with a Mr.
Cook of Hadley.
The Grass in this meadow is heavy; and some
are mowing their June clover, or Penn. Clover.
The Corn is much of it small, though there are some
very good pieces, - about as good as in the N. meadow.

Wednesday 5. Looked over with Brother Parsons. His bill
since Ment 16. is -

3 bush. Potatoes	1.00.	40 lbs Lard at 9 cts.	3.60.	4.60
13 lbs butter at 14 c.	1.82.	17 lbs butter at 12½ cts	2.12.	3.94
12 lbs 6 3 cheese at 8 c.	.98.	1 peck beans 33 c	———	1.31
				9.85

Paid him 3 dollars.

Just at night rode out to Westhampton with brother
Parsons.

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Thursday 6 Went from brother Parsons' up to Dea. Hookers, & thence to John A. Judd's and Eleazar Judd's, and back to A. Chapman's (my old place) and sister Hookers. Person Worthington has the consumption and evidently has not long to stay in this world. She has sore trials; this, perhaps, is not the severest — towards night I started for home on foot & walked the 8 miles without difficulty.

Corn — some pieces in Westhampton very good — some quite small.
Haying has commenced in W. Grass good where the land is good.
Daisy, white or oxeyed, is plenty by the road side much of the way to W.H. and in W.H. and more in the pastures, mowings &c than there used to be. It is on the wane.
Chesnut trees — on Round Hill & elsewhere in N.H. and also in W.H. many are whitish, and perhaps beginning to blossom; many of them have strings of buds which are yet pale green.
Butternuts — seem almost half grown.
Whippoorwill — I heard one at Westhampton; the first I have heard this year.
C. Parkman returned home to-day from Augusta, having been gone ever since June 1.

Friday 7 Four days past have been cool — vegetation has advanced slowly.
Lillies — Mr. Shepard's white Lillies have just begun to open. In other places, they have been open 3 or 4 days. Spotted or tiger lillies not noticed. Yellow lillies are in blossom.
Herds grass in many places is in full flower: in most places not so forward.
Currants — about 3/4 are red ripe — quite sour yet.
E. Cherries — some are ripe & gone — some now ripe — some not ripe.
Peas — continue to be sold at 2/3 peck.
Rye begins to be whitish — is turning.
Canada Thistles — opposite Mr Bulls, show a few blossoms.

Saturday 8 Cousin Asa Judd here.

Sunday 9 Mr. Martin of Hadley preached all day. He is a man of good talents & quite animated as a preacher — uses considerable gesture.
In the evening an anti-slavery missionary from Sandwich Islands gave an address in Town Hall — Mr Lafon.

Monday 10 Haying will be begun in earnest this week, in the meadows.
Corn — much was hilled, or hoed the third time, last week, and much will be hoed this week — some still later.
A few pieces on uplands begin to show the tops of the pannicles. Such pieces are 3 feet high or more. Much corn is but 18 inches high. The pannicles visible are but a few hills in a few pieces.
Thimbleberries — a few are ripe or nearly so.
Peas in pods begin to be sold for 6/ bushel.
In my Garden — beans are in blossom — some pods of bush beans large enough for string beans. Probably some have string beans.
Cucumbers in blossom. None here have cucumbers yet — some near it.
Summer squashes have run a yard — no blossoms on mine.
My beets have leaves from 12 to 18 inches long; cabbages have leaves 7 inches long & 6 wide.

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Tuesday 11. Cotton { Bought 33 yds Merrimack Cotton which cost 8½ cents per yard ——— or 2.81 — It weighed 9 lbs — therefore cost 31¼ cents per lb

Wheat { Bought a bushel of wheat of Geo. Cook for 1.33. and had it ground into Graham (unbolted) flour — the flour weighed only 47 pounds — so the wheat could not have weighed over 53 pounds to the bushel; that is allowing 6 pounds for toll & waste. So it cost unbolted almost 3 cents per pound — about as high as the Superfine flour — Perhaps more than 6 pounds were lost at the mill.

Mr Charles Starkweather was buried this afternoon; he died on Sunday, aged 84. His house was a place where I have often called.

Towards night, I & C.P. went out to Broughton's Meadow and made Hall & Frances a short visit.

The Corn in the meadow is backward — the second hoeing not yet finished. The Oats heads are out. Haying has begun.

Corn on the road is generally more advanced; there are several good pieces on the plains.

Rye is turning white, and smells a little like harvest. Most of it is yet more green than white.

Wednesday 12. Chesnut trees are considerably white with blossoms

Thursday 13 Herds Grass in some fields gives the whole field a purplish appearance, by the purple flowers.

Wheat in the western part of S. Carolina was harvested the last week in June more or less of it. In Maryland they were harvesting the first week in July; also the second week — In some parts of Virginia & Maryland the wheat harvest is not yet finished. In Pennsylvania the wheat harvest began about the 2d week in July.

(See 3 leaves back. & July 19. 1841.)

There is about a months difference between Georgia and Maryland; or between N. Carolina and Northern part of Pennsylvania, or perhaps middle part of Pennsylvania.

P.S. { "Wheat Harvest in N. Carolina is the beginning of June." Morse's Geog. 1805
What Harvest in Central Ohio July 16 to 17 2nd after in 1843.
What Harvest about Rochester N.Y. began July 20. in 1843.

Cotton. Bought 16¾ yds, ½ piece, Stoddard & Lathrop's Stamps 9 cts — came to 1.51 — weighed 5 lbs. 9 oz. so cost 27 cents a pound.

also 5 yds bleached cotton, not quite a yard wide — the 5 yards weighed only 1 pound — so cost 5×11 = 55 cents a lb.

also 10 yds bleached cotton, not quite a yard wide, bought 10 days ago at 10 cents — weighed 2 pounds (or a trifle over) so cost 50 cents a lb.

P.S. Dec 23. Bought ½ pc, same kind as above 15¼ yds @ 9½ cts came to $1.45 — weighed 4¾ lbs — so cost 30 cts a pound.

July 1843 & August.

Friday 14 I am preparing for Hartford this morning.

I went to Hartford on Friday July 14. and returned Friday Aug. 11. having been absent 4 weeks. My health was not the best, and I did not accomplish a great deal for the public.

July 14. People were haying all the way to Hartford.
Haying & Reaping } Reaping was just begun on warm lands in Springfield & the towns below. Very little grain cut. No reaping above Springfield. Some good pieces of wheat in W. Springfield, &c.

Corn mostly hoed 3 times; much only twice. Pannicles seen in a few patches of corn near buildings — here & there one in fields whole pannicle, no where seen; only the top.
Potatoes some in blossom & some not.
Broom Corn 8 to 14 inches high.
Chestnuts in blossom all the way: either not full or a little past.
White Daisy & Butter cups appear most of the way, but faded & failing.

Vegetables for sale in Hartford July 15 — Eng. Cherries, currants beets, turnips, peas, string beans — a very few new potatoes and cucumbers, onions, grapes.
July 18 Green corn, squashes & black berries for sale
Aug 24 Small pears, cabbages, whortleberries do.
Aug 5 Apricots.
9 Watermelons & peaches from New York only that.

Drought. It was very dry in Connecticut & other states before the recent rains. Some crops much injured.

July 25 Very dry here. C. P. says: Potatoes in blossom; Cornwell tasselled Haying almost done. But few apples to be seen

Aug 11. When I came home. Crops, so far as I could observe them, looked well all the way except in N. H. meadows. Here many pieces of corn & broom corn are very backward. — much more so than in Hockanum, South Hadley, &c. perhaps owing to the flood & the late planting.

Vegetables I think are later than in any year since I have kept any record. I bought new potatoes this 12 at 50 cts a bushel. Shell beans at 9 a quart. Peas 6 cts. bushel. Corn 8 cts doz. squashes 12 cts a doz. Very few apples offered. Whortleberries & running berries 6 cts per qt. & some at 4 cts.

Oats. Oats have been hurt by the rains, & are said not to be very good in other respects. [The above was written with a feverish pulse]

P.S. I wrote the above Aug. 12. the day after I came home and most of that on next page — did not write any more (a few lines excepted) till Sept. 13. — I was indexing the large volumes I had made in the State House in August — had no conveniences — the volumes lay flat on a table and I bent over them: this strained my breast and other parts. On the night of the 9th of August, after straining myself over a volume more than any day before, I was some feverish and could not sleep well; appetite poor next day, yet I repeated the same labor on the 10th, and the night was like the preceding. I came home on the 11th: felt some unwell — no appetite — found all my children here, & tried to enjoy myself with them, but could not. I grew worse: & supposing I had by my exertions at Hartford, added to my old heart complaint, & that that was the cause of my fever, I despaired of recovering,

Oct. 10.

August 1843

Aug 12 Money Matters at Hartford. $

I set out with 77.00
Recd. my rail road dividend } 29.75
(25 cents out for expenses)
106.75

(Borrowed of Isaac Clark 50 dollars)
See below —

Payments.

Passage down & up — 3.75
Inkstand 7c: for Washing 25c. 32
Goods for Peninnah —
1⅛ yds Barage — 0.43
2 linen Hkfs. 42 & 30 0.72
11 yards crape de laines 35. 3.85
1 Cold Skirt 1.00. 1 White do 67. 1.67
1 yd roll lambric 13. 1 yd facing 10. 0.23
3¾ yds flannel @ 25. .94
1 Brush 25. 1 Comb 12. 0.37, 8.21
Forthem
6 yds flannel @ 2/3 2.25
10 " Cotton @ 12½ — 1.25
Soap 4c. Crackers 5 — 9
Paid for JW. 30. for Elv. on way 12½. 43 Paid
Paid for Isaac Clark — 21.23
37.53
Paid for Elizabeth's passage — 1.88 Paid
Paper for G. Parkman — 1.25 40.66
Brought home — 66.09 66.09
Borrowed of Isaac Clark 3 50.00 — 50.00
(See Jan. 2. 1844)
Payments since I came home.
Aug 12. H. String for 3 pecks peas. 0.75 } 1.00
" for ½ B. potatoes. 0.25
Isaac Clark paid what he owed above with interest 20.00 21.33
Let Walker have $3.09 to buy articles with 3.09
4.09 137.42
4.09
Balance on hand — — — — 133.33
Bought 1 share N.H. Bank } 112.24
at $108 + Interest since April 2. 24 } —
Aug 19 on hand — — — — — 21.09

Repaid C.P. for some things bought 1.24
" JW for " " 65
1.89
Aug 22 On hand 19.20

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August 19 Father came home almost sick, Friday Augt 11th, and grew worse, and continued in a bad state.
The family began to collect for their usual fall visit before he came home.
August 1 Sylvester & Jane came from Augusta –
" 5 Walker & Hophni came up from Hartford –
" 7 Arathusa came from Deerfield –
" 11 Father, Elizabeth & her baby came up from Hartford –
" 12 Joseph & Olphia came from Augusta –
This included all the family that were away from home except Hall & Frances, who are often in –
Sarah Hall was here three or four days last week –
Father has not been able to participate in our pleasures in the least –
He walked over to see Dr Walker 13th, 14 & 15th inst –
The Doct first came here to see Father, Tuesday the 15th inst and has been here twice every day since –
Sept 1 Dr. Walker did not come yesterday and during the 2 or 3 preceding days he merely called and left medicine at night
Corinna Worthington Hooker died Monday, 31st of August
He was buried Wednesday, 2nd of Aug^t – Sylvester & Jane, Parkman & Peninnah went out to the funeral –
August 22. Maj. B. D. Townsend and neice came into town last Friday and spent the day taking dinner and supper at my house. He left the next morning for Bridgeport and thence to South Carolina. Parkman took them about town and on to Mount Warner in Hadley
Aug 18 Walker & Elizabeth and Charles left this morning at 6 in their own carriage for Hartford
" 21 Sylvester, Jane, Joseph and Olphia left in the stage for Wilbraham and thence to Maine
22. Hophni and Peninnah left for Maine at 10
They expect to pass two or three days in Boston and then go on to Maine together
19 Sylvester & Jane & Park. rode out to Southampton.
29 Arathusa left us for Andover.

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Money matters at Northampton.

Aug	22	Balance on hand	19.20
		Cash from Sylvester for his postage	.25
Sept.	9	Cash from Isaac Clark	10.00 (See Jan. 2, '44
		Cash of Walker's - of Joy.	3.75 Repaid Oct 5.
			33.20

Payments

Aug	22	For sundry articles to this day	3.55
"	"	Let Pinny have for Augusta	10.00
"	23	Horse and Carriage to Mr. Hookers funeral	1.50
"	"	Postage, F.W. Shepard's bill ~~the~~	1.75
"	"	To Tinner for handle to pitcher	.12
"	24	To Turners Bookstore	.84
"	"	For Spitting Cup	.10
	26	For carrying aunt Hooker home	.25
	"	Paid Silas Smith for table	.15
	28	Paid baker for crackers	.16
"	29	For apples to make into pies	.06
	31	For Crackers and Sponge	.17
Sept.	1.	" Apples. leather. plaster	.19
	3	Paid Frances Judd	2.00
	9	Washwoman 50, Apples 5	.55
		Mending Spectacles 10. White wax 6	16
	9	Paid Frances	2.00
	10	Paid Wash Woman	1.00
	13	Paid Mrs. Spencer Phelps for milk, cream & shelled beans	1.05
	16	Sent to John A. Judd for letters & trouble about my wood	1.00
	19	Paid Phelps girl for labor	1.60 27.65
		Paid Hosh. for cash for berries	0.37.
		yeast - 10 cts.	10.
		Cash for sundry things in weeks past	0.98 1.45
			29.10
	20	Cash on hand - - - - - -	4.10
			$33.20

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Aug. 25 Yesterday S. F. Lyman Esqr came to see father and took the items of his will, and then went to his office and wrote it out in full, and to-day he brought it to father, who signed it in the presence of S. F. Lyman May H. Kirkland and Col. G. Shepherd and the will is deposited in the care of C. P. Judd.

Family Matters

Aug 27 Hall brought in Frances to stay a few days (14 days.) Aunt Hooker came in Tuesday and remained till Saturday, when she went home with the mail-carrier.
Friday last Aunt Smith and Uncle Samuel came down from South Deerfield in the fore part of the day. Then aunt Lyman and her son Jabez called, next aunt Betsy and her son Aaron, and then came Hannah Hoyle. These all left towards night.
Had a call from Lewis Strong, Payson Williston. The former came to tell me Albert Spencer of Brooklyn was in town and would be glad to see me.

My Sickness.

My headache went off the first week, but the fever continued as before — After August 24th, I was more easy — free from pain — rested better nights — still the fever raged, and my mind was restless. I thought I should die, & gave directions about many things.
On 28th son J. W. came from Hartford and brought Doctor Taft of Hartford, the Homoeopathy physician, with whom I was acquainted. He examined me very thoroughly, & finally made me doubt about the disease proceeding from my heart; at least, he inspired me with a little hope. I had more confidence in him than in Doct. W. — 29th early J. W. and Dr Taft left us.
28—29. J. P. Williston was the first that watched with me not of the family — after him H. Kirkland, Bliss Geo. Shepard, H. K. Starkweather. That was all. C. Parkman did the rest: but none of them had much to do, as I was quiet day & night.
31 & Sept 1. Wife broke down — being entirely worn out with incessant toil, &c. It was more than a week before she did much labor. Frances was now the main dependence: she came Aug. 27 and remained two weeks. I grew better gradually from Aug 29 — and after Sept. 6. Parkman did not get up at all nights. I began to eat roast-apples & crackers about Sept. 1. Walked into the other room Sept 8.

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Aug. 26 Mr. Asahel Gouch's land was mortgaged to my father and came into my hands by right of possession, so that now I have full title to it, but I have always told him that if he would pay the principal and interest in a reasonable time, I will give him a quit-claim deed. I wish to have my executrix do the same thing that I should have done had I lived. The amount now due me by said Gouch can be found in this book

Uncles Mathews matters

26 I and brother Mathews for several years had funds together in Hartford and I had the charge of them finally our security consisted of three notes of which the largest was $2000. and one note was doubtful yet I was offered enough for it to cover the debt taken with the other two, and so I wrote to Mr Mathews that the whole was safe. Still I was foolish enough not to accept of the offer thinking the note was worth more. But in a short time the man who gave the note was worth nothing, and the note was not good for anything. In consequence of the loss of this note, about 40 dollars is wanting of paying up our debts. Now as about one third of the debt belonged to Mr. Mathews, he ought to sustain one third of this loss. Brother Parsons has a receipt or certificate for the debt, notwithstanding this certificate so much of this loss brother Mathews ought to bear. The last note of B. B. Barber, which was our true debt the others being turned out to secure it when Barber failed, this note with 6 per cent interest ~~at~~ amounts to 40 dollars more than has been collected on the three notes or ever will be

There is a note payable to me by the town of Northampton

28 this mainly belongs to brother Mathews and only a small proportion to me. The ~~exact~~ sum belonging to him and to me will be found in another part of this book.

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Aug 28 New York Evangelist

The proprietors of this paper sent me a bill last winter making it out that I owed them several dollars. I went to Mr. Turner, their agent in this town, and he drew up a list of the payments I had made him and he found I had paid him every year, and he sent this list on to the office of the N.Y.E, and stating that I owed nothing for the paper up to January 1844. These payments can all be found on Mr. Turners books. I am one of those who had this paper for $2 per year.

Shares in Parsonage Westhampton

Some person in Westhampton has one or two notes of mine for my shares in this parsonage. These notes are signed by Mr. Cogging the minister of that town. Anson Chapman told me that Benoni Clark said to him that he would be responsible for the payment of half of my shares, as I objected to selling them would security.

C. C. Bates Certificate for Mrs Henshaw

28 Egr. Forbes says this certificate is good for nothing in law because Mr. Bates was not authorised to make a settlement for Mrs. Henshaw. But thinks my account perfectly good, and would present that with Bates' certificate to the administrator Sam Henshaw of Boston.

28 Samuel Edwards Note

Father had me endorse 25 dollars on the back of a note of $ due father, and said this matter should not be known to Dr. Hooker. I think this last idea should be recorded as it looks as if father or the endorsement was not right. C.P.P.

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Aug 29 Fathers Tomb Stone

I insist on having a table over my fathers grave and I trust my children will comply with my wishes. There is a large stone in Rankins yard which belongs to me which may possibly make a table, but I think not. It will answer for some of these things. I want only an upright stone at my own grave

29 Emancipator

This paper is paid for up to June 1844. as the receipt will show. Receipt found in my package of receipts.

My Books and Pamphlets.

29 I should think many of my books had better be sent to the Connecticut Historical Society, yet I will leave this to the discretion of my children. I want they all should be preserved, and that my children should not leave them where they will be injured, not be filed away in garrets or tore to pieces by children. My pamphlets too can be sent to same Society. I do hope they will send a large number to Hartford to preserve them from destruction

Oct. 1st, 1870.

Written 2d

Fathers Sickness.

Father came in the stage and steam-boat from Hartford on Friday the 11 inst. Soon as he came into the house it was manifest to us all that he was not in his usual good trim. For he said but little, did laugh much, and his customary flow of cheerfulness seemed to be stopt up with some disorder which brought out long features, a sad countenance and dulness. At supper we all sat to the table and father too, but he could not eat what the rest did, and after swallowing a few mouthfuls he left the table. Saturday found him no better, his left side was troublesome and a violent pain racked his head. In the morning he went down street, saw some of his old friends, much as usual to all appearance. In the afternoon, Ves, Park and Thusa rode out for flowers and he rode with them. He was quite communicative pointed out a new kind of grass to us, which he called "thatch grass" growing on the low lands. But he was tired before we got home and complained much of his head. Thusa asked him if he should go back to Hartford. His was, that, "I must see whether this (meaning his disease) will get through with me, or I can get through with it." At meal times he took his place at the table, but only to stay long enough to eat a little porridge of milk and meal.

Sunday found him in a worse state, and not able to attend church. Of his children some went to the Episcopal, some to the Unitarian, others remained at home and only two or three went to the "Old church". This latter grieved him and he told mother "he was sorry that out of his large family his pew should be nearly empty". He talked with Ves about "old matters", the "Revolutionary War" and grew more lively towards night.

Monday was no better. He was restless all night, up in a chair a short time, lying in the bed a while with a violent head-ache which had no intermission. The children had planned a great ride to Norwich Pond

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Written Aug 29 } but had put it off till father came home that we might have the pleasure of his company and the benefit of his former experience in the to be visited. His sickness put a damper on this side and finally frustrated it altogether. Father put on Grand father's gown and with his pale face and sharp light blue eye, I could think of nothing else than Grand father as he sat in his rocking chair a few days before he died. It only wanted a little more wildness to the eye and baldness on the head to have been a complete picture of Grandpa. He walked over to Dr. Walkers. So he did yesterday for the first time, and mother put the medicine in a tumbler of water and some moments after it all out the window through mistake. When Ves smokes, father calls him into the bed-room, so that he can enjoy the fume and talk over "old matters". An half an hour, or one or two hours are spent in conversation and discussion Tuesday morn I found father up in the chair when I got up Had had a very restless night, tumbling about if in bed and groaning when in the rocking-chair. Ves, I and Jane went to Norwich hond, gathered many flowers new to us, and had a long chat with Bill Weeks wife. She has gathered many herbs in her day for root doctors, and she told the marvellous virtues of each to Ves, who sat on an old stool with pencil and paper listening and taking down every word. Her son and I went into the woods after a plant called "Heal-all" whose leaf, he said has two sides, one which irritates a wound and the other cures "right off in all hurts". But Jane cut out of the house and took a stone for a seat by the road-side for fear of bed-bugs in the house. She gave us a full history of grand father and mother Hall with a few reflections on fathers courtship and the Esqr Hall family generally. On our return father was worse and Dr. Walker came over to see him, and gave a small dose of medicine. J. W. Hop. Joseph. Apply and

Thusa

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Aug 31 went on to mount Warner, up by Hadley and back through Hatfield. Hall and Frances in. Bought pears 4 cents per lbs.
Wednesday - another bad night, no abatement of pain and father begins to think his disease comes from his heart and that it will be fatal with him. He groans much, stays an hour or two in the bed, then a while sits up in the parlor and so keeps changing all day and night. Talks less even on old matters, seldom laughs, and now and then asks me if I can get money enough to fill so many mouths. Thusa and Apy bathed his head often with cold water which took away some of the heat. Often came into the room of his children, though he said scarce any thing.
J. W. Hop. Charlie and I rode up to Horace Lyman's after oats. Paid 84 cents for two bushels. Mr. L. must have a few cents more because there was some rye mixed with the oats. Hem! Not much rye to be seen in feeding out the oats. No matter!
After dinner a party rode out to Halls. Jo. Hop. Ves Jane and Thu in Strongs carry-all. J. W. Liz. Charle Apy and I in J. W. buggy. When there, some strolled off for flowers other to the Factory to see the machinery and buy silk. Good time. Back home at 6. Talked of a family ride to Greenfield. Ves concluded not to go and the plan was dropped. Dr. W. called twice

Aug 17 Thursday is the day to gather together the family. Joseph drove me round to buy up eatables, such as corn, beans potatoes and apples. Whole family in the parlor around the table at half past twelve. This was the arrangement Mother in the middle of the table as head, Thusa by her side on the right, J. W. and Liz next her on her left. Then Ves and Jane, Hop next, and then C. P. who sat opposite mother to wait on the table in the absence of father. Next to Thusa was Pinny, on her right was Joseph and Apy and Hall and Frances filled up the space between Joseph and C. P. Had a good time which passed off in the clatter of knives, plates

(writing Aug 30) tongues and laughter. Hall and Frances eat Graham dishes, but the rest of the group swallowed all in true gusto. The whole family was together an event which has not taken place for many years, and probably will not for many more years to come. All was happy, all were full of chat and nothing marred the good spirit save the sickness of father. He came into the room but did not sit at the table or partake of any thing room it. This was a grief to him and depressed the flow of spirits in the other in a measure. Fourteen of us in all, a glorious circle and long long may its number be no less. Seldom has so large a family been brought up to such an age. Some destiny awaits us. I pray we all may live prepared for it.

18 Friday found us all up by four o'clock to see J. W. his wife and child leave. Father put his head out of the window and talked with J. W. concerning a bank share just bought and bid him good by with a sad face. He is some more comfortable, has less pain in the head and more quiet in the night but getting no sleep of consequence. he is round as days before from bed to rocking-chair and back to bed again. His pulse up to 100 and 10 which makes him discouraged and talk despondingly of his disease. Mother takes the chief care of him and sleeps with him nights and answers all his calls, except one night, when she went to bed up-stairs, and J. W. and Thusa sat up. Mr. S. Wells called, and talked with father a long time - too long for fathers comfort, yet in kindness on part of Mr. I was busy waiting on Mary Townsend and niece who took dinner and tea here, and in the afternoon Thu. Apsy. Joseph. Townsend, his neice and I rode to mount Warner

19 Saturday was a busy day. Some making calls preparatory to leaving next week, others tending fathers head and Les Jane and I rode out to Southampton to get some old books belonging to the old race of Bulls

Father says he never shall get well. That his disease comes

from his heart and there is no cure for it. The doctor says "Mr. Judd you are now better" father holds up his pulse and replies "you have not touched the cause of the disease yet." "See my pulse is bounding on like a mill-race." Father had got his watch down and kept the pulse watched every hour almost to see how his case was and oftentimes he would have Joseph count it. Less pain in the head, but distributed over the body. Feverish all over, said but few words, pulse 110

Father called me to make some entries on his Journal. He gave me the items, and I put them down word for word just as he gave them to me. They were money items. When I had written them and showed them to him, he spoke out. "Thats all wrong, Park, you dont know any thing about keeping accounts." "I shall have it to do myself in order to have it right." So he took the book and fixed the entries. The line being too full, I interlined a little. "Oh! Dont interline Park." I dont. Now look back and there are many pages of inter-lines. Next he called Hop. Hop. now is a professed accountant, and he gave no better satisfaction than I did

June 21 Sunday. To-day we are all sad and at a loss what to do. Father sick, mother tired out, a house full, no help and Fanny urgent to go off to Maine. Some want a new doctor, some satisfied with the old one, one child ridiculing Homœpathy, one praising the old system of practice and one condemning all doctors and doctor-stuffs. Those from Maine wish to go home, but dislike to leave father so sick and to crown all father telling them he is going to die and they will have to come back soon to attend his funeral. A bed was carried into the parlor and he lay upon it. His pain in his head is decreasing and his whole system of nerves is now in a sad state, a fever all over him and his pulse up to 120 rolling in bed, sitting up only a short time and then very uneasy. Through Mrs importunity Dr. Hall came in with Dr. Walker. The former examined father some half an hour and then gave the opinion that the disease was a

nervous fever of a slow kind, and that his heart was not now diseased, nor had any material connexion with the disease. After the doctor gave this opinion, "Oh well" says father, "you know but little about my disease and I have lived too long not to know something about it. The disease I know is a fever, but it comes from the heart. This fever and I will never part." The doctor says "you have no pain in the region of your heart and not one symptom you name comes from the heart." "Whats this," returns father, shewing out his wrist, "going like a mill-tail, and the doctor cant reach it?" This examination was a great relief to the family even though it produced no benefit to the sick. Our only fear was that his heart was the immediate cause, and when it was proven pronounced not to be, hope sprang up afresh in all our minds. This forenoon was some more quiet and Dr told him so, adding that the pulse was soft and his countenance looked better. "No Dr," father turns over to him and says, "you have a certain amount of patience to tell over to other patients, and its no use to tell it to me, I know too much about my disease to believe it." "Doctors never tell sick folks they are going to die."

As Ves was sitting with Father after tea, father began to lament over the sad state he children were in at his approaching death. "Walker has got off from the old track and is becoming looser and looser. There is no telling where he will stop. Park hant got any religion at all, he dont believe any thing, and has no regard for any thing good. Hall is stubborn in his ways conscientious but an infidel. Hopkins is wild, has left the ordinances seems to be unfixed and I fear he has no religion. Poing I want you should attend Dr Kappis church in Augusta." So he went over us, leaving out Olivy and making no personal remarks on Ves. The announcement of these sent us all into a grand consultation, where I expatiated at large on the nature of my religion, and the state of the church in the world and what constitutes infidelity.

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Yes, Father, made him the ill-weather who has led us all astray. Our lives presents two faces. In former days, when we began to think, Father always told us to think for ourselves, not to be trammelled or be tied up to any set of men. Now as we are thinking and breaking away from men and dogmas, he is alarmed and is constantly reproaching us and complaining of our infidelity and departure from the faith.

Son C. Parkman wrote the preceding pages when I was sick, but left what he had undertaken half-done.

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Sept 8 Elezar Judd sold my wool, which I had of him last January to Mr Musgrave, Agent of the N.H. Woollen Manufacturing Co. as follows:

687 lbs at 38 ct.	.....	261. 06
32¼ " at 27 "	.....	8. 71
		269. 77

It was sold at 4 mo. credit without interest. The weight fell short only 5¾ lbs. from what it was last Jany. My loss on the wool, I cannot tell, till I have made a settlement with Elezar. I shall lose on Elezar's debt at least 60 dollars: but am better off, as I esteem it, than to have my note against him.

Wednesday 13 I wrote the above this day, which is the first writing I have done since Aug. 12.

Soap. Some days since I sent to Chauncy Clark, Boston to purchase for me a box of Winchester's Family Soap, No. 1. It came to day. The bill is 714 lbs Soap at 6 cents $44.44: pd by Mr Clark
The bill for cartage to depot is 25 (paid to him, 16 cents)
The freight from Boston here is 44 cents.

There are 24 bars in the box, & they now weigh very near 3 lbs each (perhaps not quite) or 71 to 72 lbs in all. So they have shrunk only 2 or 3 lbs since the box was packed. Good soap loses but little by drying. We have for 2 years past used nothing but hard soap for all purposes. We eat so little meat that we have no soap-grease.

I went out of doors to day for the first time — walked about considerably — got tired.

Thursday 14 Again went abroad — went as far as the bridge towards the female Seminary.

Friday 15 Rainy day — could not go out.

Saturday 16 Pleasant — walked out several times — went farther than any day before.

Sunday 17 Very pleasant. Rode out in the morning with Mr. Warner 1½ miles or more.
Wrote a letter to the children at Augusta.

Monday 18 Warner yet. Walked much; rode with Isaac Clark.

Tuesday 19 Still warm. Walked to Mr. Warner's. & to I. Clark's store for the first time.
I weighed only 131 pounds. 3 or 4 months ago I weighed 158 pounds.
Walked to Centre again P.M.

Wednesday 20 do " " A.M. & P.M.
Wrote to brother Hall Shaved myself to-day.

Thursday 21 Still pleasant. Not quite so well to-day.

Friday 22 Much cooler. As well as before yesterday.

Saturday 23 Rode out almost to Horse Mountain, & thence Cutter's in Hatfield — in all nearly 5 miles out & 5 back.
Nothing yet hurt by frost, but much corn cut up

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Money affairs —

Sept	20.	Cash on hand (see back)	4.20	
	28	Do — borrowed of Isaac Clark	16.00	(See Jan. 2. 1844.
Oct.	3	Cash for Dividend on 8 shares N. H. Bank	28.00	
	3	Cash for Dividend on 15 shares of Greenfield Bank, $3½ shares	52.50	
	11	Cash of Anson Chapman for his note	511.08	$611.78

Payments

Sept.	20	A fine comb 17c.: Potatoes &c 7c &c		
	23	Paid Mr Warner for horse & carriage	50	
	25	Paid Anne Phelps for Labor.	2.00	
	"	Paid Washwoman	0.50	
	29	Paid C. Parkman (bal)	5.00	
	"	do. L. Cutter for 3 cords hard wood	8.62	
	"	do do " 1 " hemlock "	2.00	
	"	Penin's subscription	13	
Oct	3	Paid Coats for sawing open 3 cords hard wood twice	2.00	
	"	Do do for sawing 1 cord soft wood	0.50	
	4	" Postage bill for last 6 weeks	2.06	
	"	" S. F. Kyman for writing Will in my sickness	2.00	
	"	" for yeast 10c. Ribbon 10c.	20	25.$5
	5	Sent to son J. Walker the money C. Parkman took of his, by Hopkins (see some leaves back)	3.75	
	"	Paid Hopkins (see below)	0.44	
	"	Paid for a bundle by Express to go to Boston (& thence to Augusta)	0.26	
	"	" Doct. Hall for a visit in my sickness	0.50	
	"	" Mr Shepard for hay for Walker's horse in August, & for hay since to this date	1.50	
	"	" Anne Phelps (she worked here 6 weeks & 2 days at 5/. $5.28 and I have paid her before 3.50. leaving	1.78	
	11	Settled with brother Parsons —		
		His acct. March 16 to July 6. (see back)	9.85	
		His acct July 6 to this date.	8.47	
		viz. 25 lbs butter @ 12½c 8 lbs @ 15c; 6 " Co @ 1/. — 2 " @ 14; 21 yd. chem @ 6c — 4 " @ 7; 2¾ bush. Potatoes 92c. Pork 40c		
		Paid him July 6	18.32 3	
	11	Paid him to day in full	15.32	15.32
	"	Deposited in the Bank	500.00	(see Dec. 23.
	12	Paid Dr. Walker's bill for visits & attendance, and medicines for me in my sickness & wife	30.50	
	"	Balance on hand	31.98	$611.78

Hopkins had 7 dollars of me March 1842: he has now repaid it, viz.

Paid Chauncey Clark, in Boston for box of Soap	4.44
He let Permenah have at Augusta (see Sept. 13.)	3.00
	7.44
Oct 5 I paid him the balance	44
	$7.00

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Sunday 24. Last evening I found myself lame, and a swelling just above the ancle on one leg. I cannot walk to day without difficulty. Dr. Walker visited me in the evening, in reference to this swelling. Still warm.

Monday 25. Rained a little last night. Cloudy to day. A little Rain. Swelling, though small, still confines me to my room. Dr. W. called.

Tuesday 26 Cloudy. Rained in evening. Still lame. Dr. W. called.

Wednesday 27. More Pleasant. Sister Hall & her son called here. Lame yet.

Thursday 28 Great Frost this morning — first killing frost this season. There was not much for it to injure — crops generally are out of the way of frost, for though in many places the crops were backward during the spring & summer, yet the warm weather of September has brought them out.

Friday 29 Heavy Frost again. My lameness much better. Parkman starts for Cummington.

Saturday 30 Frost again.
Hopkins returned from Maine to-day
Wrote to George R. Smith; he is bankrupt.

October 1843.

Sunday 1 Rainy day.

Monday 2 Much rain & some thunder last night. Cloudy A.M. Clear P.M.
C. Parkman returned from Cummington.

Tuesday 3 I walked down (or up) to the centre; not having done it before since Sept 23d on account of my lameness. I weighed 136 lbs. having gained 5 lbs since Sept. 19.

Wood. The 4 cords of wood bought last week & measured in a pile on the ground, after being sawed open twice (4 feet wood made into 16 inch wood) & piled up close made 3¾ cords — This is better than I commonly do. I seldom get over about ¾ cord for a cord.

Bank Shares. Both Northampton & Greenfield Banks made a dividend of 3½ dollars on a share Oct 2. and I received for 8 shares N.H. Bank 28.00
" 15 " Greenfield do. 52.50.

Wednesday 4. Mostly cloudy. Walked to centre twice.
Brother Johnson & wife here. Meeting of Abolitionists.

Forest & Fruit Trees — a few are turned yellowish or reddish but most trees are yet green — & Mt Holyoke & Mt. Tom seem changed very little.

Thursday 5 Clear. Called at Elisha Graves and H. Kirkland's.
Hopkins started for Hartford.

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Friday 6 Pleasant. Walked about the village as usual. One leg, I find, is larger than the other. Wrote to Arethusa.

Saturday 7 Cloudy. Some rain P.M.

Sunday 8 Rainy last night & heavy rain most of the day from S.E. The little brooks in the village were very high and covered some acres of ground.

Monday 9 Much talk about the great rain of yesterday. It is affirmed that Mill River (of itself, without help from the backwater of the Connecticut) has not been so high for a generation. It was near the bridge, & ran over the road this side to a considerable depth, & ran into the lower part of Maple street.

The Connecticut is rising — and fears are entertained that the crops of corn & potatoes will be injured much & perhaps ruined, especially the latter.

P.M. I walked down into the upper part of the meadow: the water came across the road this side of Aldworth's and I could get no farther. Much of the South Meadow seemed to be under water & some of the North, viz. all the low places.

This walk of not over a half a mile tired one out; I have not yet much strength, though I eat heartily.

Tuesday 10. Pleasant. The Connecticut fell last night (perhaps some before) but it is said there is much injury done to potatoes & corn. A good deal of corn was cut up & put in small bunches: these were carried about by the water, & if they could be found they cannot be identified as belonging to this or that man. This refers to the portion of the meadow under water: the greater part was not flooded.

Considerable corn is said to have been carried down the river.

Wednesday 11 Very pleasant day — walked P.M. up to the grove & meadow near the head of the canal.

Some small birds seen; some blue jays scream. Crickets were singing; but their music at night has nearly ceased.

Grasshoppers are still about; also butterflies.

Maples — many have turned red, & reddish, & brown and yellow, &c — a great variety.

The trees on Mt Holyoke are, the greater part, still green but many yellowish ones among them: some red.

Butternut leaves have fallen considerably.

Chestnuts are ripe & offered for sale; some not ripe.

Settled with brother Parsons (see Money affairs.

Anson Chapman and Mrs. Chapin, widow of Rev. H.B. Chapin here to day. Chapman paid me the last note of 500 dollars due for the place I sold him, and the interest. The interest from May 16 till to day was 12.08. I owed him a dollar that he had paid J.A. Judd for me; so he paid me $511.08 See Money affairs. — I am sorry to receive money where it is safely invested, as it is very difficult to invest it again.

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The Thermometer (from some leaves back.

		Sunrise.	10 PM.	9 PM	Remarks.
Sunday August	20	71	82	68	mostly cloudy. N.E.
	21	61	64	62	Rained all day. Children left. N.E.
	22	62	64	64	Rained all day. Hop & Pin. left
	23	64	80	69	Cloudy & fair
	24	68	75	66	" " S.W.
	25	55	81	66	Fair
	26	57	83	72	Fog — Fair.
Sunday	27	67	89	69	Fog — Fair — Rainy night followed
	28	66	71	69	Rainy day.
	29	66	74	68	Cloudy
	30	69	84	69	Fair
	31	62	87	73	Fair

September —

	1	62	67	57	Cloudy. S.E. cold
	2	58	78	70	Fair
Sunday	3	67	84	73	Fair: harvesting
	4	69	89	72	Fair: hot
	5	60	80	68	Variable
	6	63	76	61	do "
	7	61	72	60	Cloudy
	8	57	70	56	Variable. I sat up some hours
	9	55	65	52	Fair — Frances went home
Sunday	10	49	67	48	Variable. Dr W. did not call.
	11	43	62	47	Fair mostly —
	12	41	62	49	do "
	13	37	62	49	do — Frost on some low grounds — no harm
	14	40	66	56	Variable
	15	54	69	71	Rainy day & night before
	16	65	79	64	Fair. S.W. which fell
Sunday	17	54	78	69	do S.W.
	18	66	82	70	Variable — little rain in Evening
	19	62	77	62	Fair — hazy.
	20	55	73	63	Cloudy
	21	61	86	77	Fair — hot — flying clouds
	22	51	63	54	do
	23	50	70	66	do mostly
Sunday	24	61	85	72	Fair — Cloudy
	25	59	62	60	Cloudy. Some rain P.M.
	26	59	59	50	Cloudy
	27	36	57	38	Fair
	28	32	60	44	Fair mostly. Seven Frost
	29	34	66	44	Clear — foggy morning
	30	34	68	46	do do

The first part of the Summer was cold & the crops backward but the latter part of the Summer was warmer, and September was a warm month & the frost being delayed till the 28th, almost all crops came to maturity.

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		Thermometer —			Remarks on weather
		Sunrise.	1 PM.	9 PM.	
Sunday October	1	48	53.	51.	Rainy. S.E. rainy night (& some thunder followed)
	2	53	68.	56.	Cloudy AM. Fair PM.
	3	44.	64.	47.	Variable. Slight shower PM.
	4	46	55.	44.	Variable.
	5	40.	58.	43	Fair
	6	47	64	54.	do. mostly
	7	57	53.	48	Rained most of the day
Sunday	8	48	54.	59.	Tremendous Raine — most all day. (wind S.E.)
	9	42.	59	42	Fair mostly. Water ufr. damaged
	10	36	62	47	Fair.
	11	35.	62.	45.	Very Pleasant.
	12	42.	60.	51	More cloudy than clear. Some rain P.M.
	13	39.	56.	41	Clear & pleasant.
	14	36.	52.	36	Clear & pleasant; some clouds.
Sunday	15	32.	54.	43	Severe Frost. mostly Cloudy.
	16	42.	63.	58	Cloudy mostly. Some sunshine
	17	34	53.	38	Fair with many clouds
	18	36.	57.	47.	Fair & pleasant.
	19	43.	59.	40.	do — do — Shower last night
	20	28	59	54	do — do. Cold morning
	21	52.	70.	66.	do — do. Warm
Sunday	22	49.	49.	44	Rainy. N.E.
	23	38.	36.	36.	Rain & Snow A.M. Clear P.M.
	24	28.	49.	33	Fair
	25	34.	46.	48.	Cloudy
	26	38.	47.	37	Cloudy mostly.
	27	34.	38.	38.	Rainy N.N.E.
	28	36	44.	34.	Cloudy.
Sunday	29	34	51.	32.	Cloudy AM. Clear P.M.
	30	30	47.	37	Cloudy mostly. Some clear P.M.
	31	30.	37	28	Fair & pleasant.

October has been a mild month and not unpleasant, except there has been much rain. Very few severe frosts. An immense quantity of water fell Oct. 8 — some say 8 or 10 inches. There was a heavy rain Sept. 15 — but not so heavy as Oct. 8. Neither seems to be connected with the equinox, but perhaps are called equinoctial storms — No Indian Summer in October.

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Money Affairs.

Oct	12	Balance on hand 3 leaves back	31.98	
Nov	28	Cash of Sam Edwards for a year's interest on his note due June 7	30.00	
"		Cash of do. for interest on the 30 from June 7. 1843. to this date (indorsement dated June)	0.85	
Dec	8	Balance of Elam Clark's note dated 1835.	0.87	63.70
Oct	12	Paid Mrs Shepard for milk from July 13 to this day — 79½ quarts at 14c	3.18	
"		Paid Mr Lewis for 5 wheelbarrow loads of manure & 10 quarts of corn (last spring &c)	0.75	
"		Wafers 5c. Flour 50 cts. Sundr. 12c	0.67	
16		Paid washwoman for 2 weeks	1.00	
17		K. Needles 4c. H. Candy 6c. yeast 5c	0.15	
19		Pumpkin &c 7c. Matches 17. Flour 50c	0.74	
21		Snuff & Salt Petre 13. Yarn 21c	0.34	
30		Wash woman 50c — Cleaning Spaceways 25	75	
		yeast 5c. pepper 5c. mending Spectacles 6c	16	
Nov	4	Graham flour 50c. Wheat flour 50c	1.00	
7		Toll at Hockanum 12c. Thread 8c	20	8.94
10		6 yds Cotton 60 cents. Cheese 18 cts.	0.78	
13		Washerwoman 50c. yeast 5c	55	
16		Owen Kingsley for woolen yarn 25c	25	
22		yeast 8c. Turnips 12. Cheese 20c	40	
		Needles 8c. flour, fishskin & raisins 70c	78	
27		Washwoman 50c. Pumpkins 10c	60	
		Butter 30c. Eggs 20. flour 25.	75	
12 lost	28	5 lbs Turkey 40c. 10 lbs fowls 80c	1.20	5.31
	29	6½ qts milk 25c. Tea 5c. Mending 6c	0.36	
Dec	4	Sent to Hartford by Hopkins to pay Dr. Taft for coming up when I was sick	20.00	
	9	Paid Mrs. Shepard for Milk from Oct 12 to Nov. 28, when we ceased to have it of her — 23¾ quarts @ 4c	0.95	
	11	Paid for transport of a box of Soap from Boston last September — viz from Boston to Westfield 25c — Westfield to N H 12½, and to house 6¼c — Weight of soap 74. box about 10 lbs	0.44	
	14	10 lbs flour 32 cents. 16 lb cheese 38c	0.70	
		Wash woman 50c. Sawing wood. 50.	1.00	
21		Mrs. Lewis milk to Dec 18. 21 pints	0.42	
"		Flour 33 cts. Needles 12	0.45	
23		15¼ yds Cotton 1.45. S. & Lathrop 53.	1.98	
25		Washerwoman 50c. Codfish — 12.	62	
27		Paid Coats for sawing wood 1.00	1.00	
30		" do. do — 0.42.	0.42	
		Mending shoes 5c. flour 33 cts	0.38	
		Let bro. Parsons have Nov 22. 50c. Sundr 8	0.58	29.30
				20.15
				$63.70
1844 Jan 1.		On hand (see forward)		

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Thursday 12 Partly clear — mostly cloudy. Took usual walks
I paid Dr. Walker's bill — he visited me 24 days, and twice afterwards; and did something for wife 4 or 5 days. He visited me 2 or 3 times a day — much of the time 3 times a day. His bill was 34.31 (medicines included, they cost but little). He deducted for cash 3.81 and I paid him $30.50. I thought his bill rather high.

Friday 13 Very pleasant. The forests grow more yellow, and some red appears on Mt Holyoke. Round Hill is yellow & green, with some red maples on the skirts. The leaves are falling some, but not much apparently. The foliage of most trees seems full as yet.

Crops, so far as I can learn, are at best middling — viz. Hay, first & second crop; rye, oats, corn and broom-corn. Potatoes are not half dug, but there seems to be a medium yield. The meadow lands covered with water last spring did not yield a full crop, & some not half a crop, & some nothing. Pastures have been pretty good, there having been an abundance of rain. Gardens also have generally done well. Apples are not plenty — peaches very few. Fall peaches are two dollars a bushel. Nuts as usual.
Broom corn seed in general is not ripe — some is so.
Farmer's products are low, though some are better than they have been. Wheat flour from abroad is low and almost every body eats wheat bread. How they contrive to pay for it, I know not.

Beef at Brighton fat, is only 3 to 4.50. per 100 lbs } Not so low for
do " for barreling 2 to 3.25. " " } many years.

Other meats nearly as low.
Cheese in cities by quantity 5 to 6 cents. Some dairies in this region have been sold at 4½ cents, viz. Blanford, &c. Single cheeses are sold at 5 to 6 cents.
Butter in Boston, lump, 14 to 20 cents, do tub, good, 10 to 14 cents.
do here 12 to 14 cents — mostly 12½ cents.
Wheat flour in N. York, 4.50 per bbl. Other grain low but not quite so low — rye 65¢ — corn 54. Oats 28.
Many lots of good cheese have been sold in N. York at 4½ cents.
Rich new milk cheeses do not sell at so low prices.

Saturday 14 Pleasant. Called at Elihu Clapp's & Mr. & Mr. Starkweather. Sally Johnson here P.M. from Norwich.

Sunday 15 Mostly cloudy.
Monday 16 do — do. Walked out 1½ miles & back, towards Easthampton

The Trees are fast changing color: and there is a great variety of hues. The red is every where in this vicinity, but on Tom & Holyoke there is very little red to be seen: mostly yellow. The shrubs change color as well as trees — sumachs, briers, running vines, & many other small trees & shrubs are of a bright red or crimson. Leaves are falling considerably. Chestnuts ripe — walnuts nearly ripe — Some walnut trees are brown, but there are not many brown trees.

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Tuesday 17 Fair. Cousin Samuel Edwards sent in 7 bushels [bitter] of apples yesterday, & 1 bushel before, making 8. They are poor — wormy, knurly — especially the Greenings. My bed was removed yesterday from the front room to the bedroom.

Wednesday 18 Cattle Show, &c. A world of people here; I think I seldom if ever saw more in this place. There was a great show of wild Animals; 2 Albinos, and other shows. These, especially the animals, had more attractions for a large portion of the people, than any thing that belonged to the Cattle Show. There were auctions all about as usual. Pleasant Day. We had only 3 to dinner besides our own.

Thursday 19 A shower last night, but Fair to-day. Second Day of the Cattle Show &c. Address, &c. Many people here, but not 1/4 of the number that were here yesterday. — Sister Smith & Apphia here. I have seen but little during the Show of a quarrelsome nature; have heard very little that was profane, — have not seen any person drunk. Yet some quarrels & some drunkenness doubtless occurred though not under my eye.

Friday 20. Pleasant.

Saturday 21 Very fine warm. —
Leaves fall faster than they have before; yet very few trees are stripped; almost all trees exhibit much foliage. The hues are red, brown, yellow, green, & orange, &c. Grasshoppers are still common in pastures &c. and they and crickets make music this warm day. House flies out. Birds are scarce, but some are seen — blue birds, jays, &c. Snow fell some days since so as to whiten the hills in some places in New York & Connecticut; but none has fallen here, nor on the neighboring hills. Two feet of snow fell at Buffalo Oct 17.

Sunday 22 It rained last night, and rains to-day.

Monday 23 It rained in the morning; and about 9 began to Snow
Snow — Snow fell in large flakes till near 1 P.M. and the green & white mingled together on fruit trees & shrubbery. Most of the snow melted soon, but some remained. The hills around are all white.

Tuesday 24. Pleasant — Read Loudon's Encyclopedia of Gardening.

Wednesday 25 Cloudy. " do — do.
The Snow all gone here & eastward & but little seen on the western hills. — The same snow storm was in New York State.

Thursday 26. I weighed to-day 142 pounds — have gained 11 pounds in 5 weeks & 2 days.

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Thursday 26. Parkman & I went through the North meadow, young Rainbow, & Old Rainbow to the N.E. corner below Hadley West Street.

The Spring Flood made great destruction on the North & N.E. part of Old Rainbow. Good judges say that it took off 25 rods in width for a great distance above the N.E. corner — which old men say is more than has gone for the last half century. There may be some exaggeration in these statements or estimates; but the Water made a terrible Inroad upon the land, and has cut some deep ravines in that which remains, which will facilitate the work of destruction in future floods. — The sand covers a large tract in the meadow, which has produced the past season only weeds, and useless or noxious plants. Indeed, Old Rainbow has a sorry appearance. Middle Meadow is somewhat similar.

Corn in the Upper Meadow is all cut up & put in bunches — hardly a piece remains uncut. The bunches mostly remain on the land — Three objects, I suppose, are gained by cutting up the corn near the ground, viz. 1. It is preserved from the effects of frosts, when not entirely ripe; 2. a large quantity of fodder is procured from the Stalks & leaves. 3d. those who wish can sow the same ground with rye, as many have. I may add, that the husking (the labor of which is much increased by this method) can be delayed till the farmer has more time to attend to it. The corn appears sound & good.

Broomcorn is all lopped or bent down about two feet above the ground; and the brush has all been cut & carried off — probably some weeks since.

Grasshoppers are still hopping about & crickets singing.

Forest Trees on Tom & Holyoke & the Western Hills have lost their bright yellow & orange and a large portion have turned of a reddish or rusty brown, about the color of iron rust. A few are green, many brown, some dirty yellow, & some red.

Fruit Trees are mostly green — some yellowish or brown.

Leaves. Very many leaves have fallen & some trees are stripped, yet in general they are full of leaves, or appear so at a distance, especially on the Mountains.

Birds — I saw none, heard none, to day.

Maples. Some say the red or maple (red blossoms in spring) has red leaves in autumn. I believe some others are red, in autumn. We have 3 kinds of maple. Hard or Sugar, Red or Swamp, Soft or White (the wood of this the softest.)

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Friday 27. Rainy.
Saturday 28 Cloudy.
Sunday 29. Cloudy Afn. Clear P.m.
Hall & Frances came today & remained till evening.
Monday 30. Mostly Cloudy.
Tuesday 31. Pleasant. I and C. Parkman took a walk to Pancake Plain and Phelps' Meadow (now Wm. Clark's) in the afternoon. Walking tires me less than it did.

Autumn Appearances. Oct 30 & Oct. 31. 1843.

Evergreens are becoming more & more distinct as other trees lose their greenness.

Leaves are plenty on the ground, yet most trees have a good supply; Since I have observed vegetation I have not known so many leaves on trees the last of October.

Mt. Tom. } have changed almost all their yellow
Mt. Holyoke } & red, & crimson & orange & green to some kind of brown. The mountains have lost their autumnal beauty, ~~and~~ and sad, sombre brown is the general color of deciduous trees. This brown is of various shades; Some of it is reddish brown, some yellowish brown, and some of darker hues of brown. Here & there may be seen yellow ~~and red~~, but these colors have generally a dirty appearance. Every thing that is not brownish is becoming so, or falling off.

Trees in Northampton Village, Round Hill, and other woods around:—

Butternut trees — have lost all their leaves.
Walnut do. — leaves are all dead — dark brown — not fallen.
Elms — Have lost many leaves — some are nearly stripped — Color of leaves, yellowish brown & brown.
Maples — the red leaves have mostly fallen — some turned brownish — some trees have no leaves, but most have ~~yellowish~~ or yellowish brown leaves — some slightly tinged with red. What sorts have red foliage in Autumn is more than I can tell.
Chesnuts — yellowish brown or brown; many leaves fallen.
Oaks — Those that have been red are turning to brown — some are reddish brown or London brown and some are brown. They are becoming darker daily. The other oaks have leaves much like the chesnuts. I know not what oaks turn red, except the white oaks, but there are many of other kinds.
Button ball — is more green than any other forest tree. — is of a pale green — some leaves yellowish or brown. Many leaves fallen.
Ash — leaves mostly fallen. On some the seeds remain.
English Oaks, so called, on East side of Round Hill by the fence are yet green.

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Wednesday 1 Tremendous Frost this morning - Therm. 20°.

Autumn Appearances — continued.

Apple trees — some have lost their leaves, & all have had many fall. Most of leaves green or greenish — some yellowish or brown.

Peach trees, Apricots, Eng. Cherries, Lilacs, Syringes, Locust, Thorny Locust, Pears, Some Horse Chesnuts, Willows, Weeping Willows } These with few exceptions are green, and some other shrubs also; a few have lost their leaves. The leaves of fruit trees & shrubs fall while the color is still green or greenish — that is most of them. Some change their color.

Round Hill - The chesnuts are brown — a few yellowish. The oaks are brown, — reddish brown are some.

Good pastures & mowings are quite green & fresh.

The forests around do not now exhibit a great variety of colors — all are tending to brown — to death.

In the Valley, where there are so many fruit trees, shrubs, and many other trees not in the forests, there is more variety, though much less than there was.

The preceding remarks belong to yesterday. The Frost of this morning has altered many trees; and green leaves on fruit trees, shrubs, &c. are drooping, & falling very fast. Forest trees are also affected by this frost.

The witch hazel in the woods is in blossom — looks like alder. The leaves have fallen & the blossoms are naked & alone — yellow.

President Dwight remarks (in his Travels in N.E.) that severe frosts change the various forest trees from green to pretty deep brown, passing through red, orange & yellow, and many hues of each of these, before they become brown. He calls the yellow of the maple, orange - I believe he is right and I wrong.

In old bushy pastures, many shrubs, small trees, and brambles & running vines change color as well as large trees. The red of the sumac is bright.

Mr Birney delivered an address on Abolition in the Town Hall, P.M. — Auction of W. W. Partridge's Furniture, at Mansion House.

Thursday 2. A great many leaves fallen since the frost of yesterday morning — many remain.

Corn — Meadows not opened to cattle. The bunches of corn still remain on many lots or pieces of land in meadows: but they are now carting home both bunches of corn, and ears of corn gathered without the stalk.

Friday 3. Leaves continue to fall, and many trees on Round Hill & elsewhere appear naked.

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Saturday 4. In the afternoon I walked out with C. P. to the Silk Factory and to Hall's. This is much the longest walk I have taken since I was sick.

The Forest Trees are almost all stripped of leaves except the Oaks. Chestnuts, Maples, &c, are bare. Evergreens are now conspicuous; and next are the Oaks. These retain their leaves, and they are of many hues, from brick red or rusty red to brown. There seem to be a great many oaks in the woods on each side of Connecticut River, & also many in the cleared fields. As the other trees are mostly divested of leaves, the oaks are very conspicuous, and there is more of the reddish appearance in the forests apparently, (not in reality) than there was before the others were divested of foliage. The bright red color is gone, but there are many hues which are reddish, or reddish brown.—

The Hackmatac trees are now easily distinguished; they are all yellowish or orange (color not vivid but rather dull). They are the only yellow trees remaining—at least, about here.

The Oaks & Huckmatacs are all the forest trees that make any show now; there are shrubs that yet retain their leaves & hues.—— I refer to the West side of the River & of Mt. Tom. I cannot tell exactly what trees they are that show their colors on Mt. Holyoke & Mt. Tom, beside the Oaks. Those Mountains have a dull, sad appearance, compared to what they have been.

Of the Oaks, the White Oaks all turn red or reddish; also many black, yellow & other oaks, but these latter do not change so early, & what proportion of them assume the red livery, or whether all do, are questions I cannot answer.

The Pastures on the hills, both east & west of the river are becoming brown; those east of the river seem quite brown.

Berries. Red berries hang on the False Alder; and yellow or red ones on the False Bitter Sweet; Barberries still remain on the bushes, and red thorn apples on the wild Thorns (but apparently are spoiled by the frost & will soon fall). Also red berries on the hawthorn. Some white berries on bushes in the swamps. Winter greens. Mt. Ash berries gone.

Pods. The Locust and Thorny Locust are full of pods. Green trees yet—Willows, lilacs, & some apple, peach & quince trees.

Mr Park, a whig from Boston, addressed the whigs in Town Hall, P.M.

Sunday 5. Called at Isaac Clark's in the Evening with C. Parkman

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Monday 6.

Tuesday 7 Went over to Hockanum with C.P. and up to the woods on the mountain, west of the north part of the village — gathered some chesnuts. Called at brother Johnson's.

Mt Holyoke, in those parts which I visited, has a few Evergreens & maples, but almost all the trees are chestnut and oak.

The Oaks on Holyoke are yellow or black — no white, and they are pretty numerous. Perhaps some are red. These Oaks retain many (or perhaps most) of their leaves, and I saw none on other deciduous trees in the forest. They are of various hues, but most are of a dull, rusty red color, or a reddish brown. Some are brown, & some have a bright red. A considerable number are yet green (a pale green) and I observed these oaks with green foliage on higher & more distant parts of the mountain. They however form but a small proportion of the whole of the Oaks.

Walnuts in the pastures & mowings have not yet lost their brown leaves.

Willows, both the weeping & common, in this village (Northampton), and in the meadows and fields, retain their leaves and green color longer than any other tree. They are still green. There are some small or dwarf willows by the rivers, &c. that have lost their leaves mostly.

Lilacs are also tenacious of their leaves & green color.

Wednesday 8 Snow that fell last evening (from 3/4 to 1 inch deep) mostly went off to day. The weather feels like winter.

Indian Summer. There has not been the least appearance or indication of an Indian Summer.

Thursday 9 Western N. York. In Genessee Co. Snow fell 18 inches on the 17th of October; & there was another snow Oct. 30. Their Crops. The spring was cold & wet, and some could not sow & plant in season. The summer & fall were not favorable to all crops. Indian corn only 2/3 of a crop and potatoes still poorer. Wheat, Peas & hay better than corn. Pork 3 3/4 to 4 cents; beef 2. to 2 1/2 cents. (N.Y. Exp.)

Western N. York Winter, 1842-3. From G. Farmer at Rochester There was almost a week's sleighing in November & snow was a foot deep Dec. 1. Good sleighing till Jan 7. 1843. Then a January Thaw. Jan. 7 & 8, & snow went off. Some mild weather after the thaw. Snow 7 inches Jan. 28. Snow Storms Feb 5. 6. 11. 14, 26, 27. 28. Also March 1. 2. 3. 10. 11. 13. 15. 26. 27. 30. 31. Thermometer below 0 Feb 17. 18, & at 0. 24th. Remarkable winter. Sleighing from Nov. 28. 1842 to April 3. 1843, except 10 days or so in January. Snow April 18. Snow banks seen April 25. Rain & Snow May 31 Snow June 1. & Thermometer at 36° in morning. Frost Sept. 12 & 13.

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Thermometer, &c.

		Sunrise	1 PM.	9 PM.	
Wednesday	1	20	38.	37.	Pleasant & Fair, but cold.
	2	38	50.	38.	Rainy Morning. Clear after 10.
	3	37.	42.	32.	Fair with many clouds.
	4	26.	36.	26	Clear & cool.
Sunday	5.	28.	34.	27.	Cloudy AM. Clear PM.
	6	18.	36.	25.	Clear.
	7	20.	37.	36	Cloudy. Snow in Evening 3/4 inch.
	8	16.	42.	30	Mostly Cloudy. Some sunshine
	9	26.	43.	29	mostly clear – many clouds
	10	30.	34.	32.	Snow gently AM. A little rain PM. N.E
	11	33.	36.	35.	Cloudy AM. Rain & Snow PM.
Sunday	12	33.	31.	28.	Fair with clouds & wind. N.W
	13.	16.	38	30	Cloudy.
	14.	23.	34.	22	1/2 cloudy. 1/2 clear.
	15	15.	37.	31.	1/2 do 1/2 do.
	16.	33.	41.	37	Cloudy. Some rain & mist.
	17	33	40.	37	Foggy. all day.
	18	39	60	47.	Rain in night. Fogg AM. Clear PM.
Sunday	19	39.	47.	40.	Mostly Clear.
	20	30	46.	30.	Clear & pleasant.
	21.	37	39.	37.	Cloudy with some rain.
	22	39.	42.	38.	Fair with many clouds
	23	36	46.	40.	do — " — "
	24	38	57	46.	Mostly cloudy. Warm
	25	36.	44.	32.	Clear & pleasant
Sunday	26	22.	44.	36.	Clear. Cloudy towards night.
	27	19.	30.	20.	Clear & cold. No thawing in shade
	28	19.	38.	30.	Clear & pleasant.
	29	28.	35	29.	Clear AM. Cloudy PM. & 3/4 inch snow.
	30.	22.	26.	16.	pt clear; pt hazy. cold.

November has been rather mild, with considerable cloudy & rainy weather. There has been no Indian Summer this season, nor any thing resembling one. It has been said that a mild November precedes a severe winter – no reliance can be placed on this. [P.S. The saying proved correct this time.]

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Friday 10 It snowed gently most of the forenoon — say 1½ inches. It rained a little in the afternoon, but the ground continued white.

Saturday 11 Considerable rain, & some snow P.M. The snow did not accumulate much, but the ground is generally white at sunset.

Sunday 12 I went to meeting this forenoon — for the first time since I was sick. — Res. Allen preached. Six Religious Societies have meetings in this village every Sabbath: — viz. 2 Congregational, 1 Congs Unitarian, 1 Baptist, 1 Methodist (in Town Hall) 1 Episcopal. — and I believe the Catholics have a priest sometimes, at the upper end of King Street.

Monday 13. Town Meeting to vote for State Officers. I voted for the abolition or Liberty Candidates. The Whigs have been very active, and they gave a large vote here.

Tuesday 14 The votes of the greater part of the State have been received here through the Boston papers. How swiftly is information brought & diffused these days! The Whigs have gained some thousands since last year, but the Liberty Party have gained also, and there is no choice of Governor.

Wednesday 15 I weighed 147 pounds. Cousin Samuel Edwards sent three apples. I have had of him — Apples 10 bushels; potatoes 1 bush. quinces 1 peck. Vinegar.

Trees. The Oaks still retain their reddish brown leaves; or many of them. Walnuts retain their brown leaves. Willow leaves are killed — are of a tea or greenish brown color; adhere to the tree. Many apple, quince & lilac trees have a good supply of leaves, brown, or greenish. Many buttonball trees have not lost their leaves.

Snow is mostly gone here. The hills and Mountains around are covered, E. W. N. and S. There is good sleighing in the Western Hill Towns, and the Eastern Hills present the appearance of sleighing. This snow fell on Saturday.

Thursday 16 Bought of W. E. Mather, on account of Ebenezer Hunt of Cummington 66 lbs. beef at 4½c. — 2.97
Gave M. a receipt that I had received so much to be indorsed on Hunt's Note. [Indorsed.

Friday 17.

Saturday 18. A warm day. Snow mostly gone from the Hills.

Sunday 19. Mr Wiley preached A.M. & P.M. A pretty large congregation attends the old church, but it would hold 50 per cent. more, and then not be crowded.

November 1843.

Monday 20. Wrote to E. Hunt, Cummington, last evening.
Crows are heard, as in winter; but all else is still; no birds, no insects to make music.
A few winter birds are seen, as the chickadee.

Tuesday 21. } Examining Richardson's Great Dictionary.
Wednesday 22 }
Thursday 23 }

Exports to England — Owing to some alteration in the British Tariff a year or two since, we now export to England many articles that we could not formerly, though still subject to heavy duties. Prices, &c. about Nov. 1, in Liverpool, duty paid.

Cheese — various sorts	34/ to 54/. per cwt.		Duty 10/6 Cwt. & 5 per ct
Beef, barrel of 200 lbs.			8/. " & "
Pork " "	37 to 46/.		8/ " & "
Hams Cwt.		62/8.	14/ " & "
Lard, "	33/ to 39/.		12/ " & "
Lard Oil "	38/ to 41/		20 per ct. &c
Tallow "	39/ to 42/		
Butter "	good 60/		20/. Cwt. & "
Butter Grease "	34/		1/8. & "
Soapers' Grease "	25/ to 32/		1/8. & "
Wheat 70 lbs	8/6		2/3 for 70 lbs
Flour. bbl	31/. to 32/.		" 12/ per bbl.
do Sour "	26 to 29/-		

Wooden Clocks are sent to England.

Some errors in the above.

Friday 24. } Examining Richardson's Dictionary.
Saturday 25 }

Sunday 26. Mr Hopkins preached A.M. Pres. Allen P.M.

Monday 27. Coldest day this fall.
Finished a letter to my children at Augusta.

Tuesday 28. Purchasing articles for Thanksgiving, &c.
Cousin Samuel Edwards paid me for interest on his note $30.85

Wednesday 29. Weight of Milk. I weighed a gallon & found it weighed 10 lbs. or 1¼ lbs to the pint, beer measure.

Thursday 30. Thanksgiving. Hopkins came from Hartford last night. — President Allen preached. The meeting was thin.
Had to dine, Parkman, Hall & wife, & Hopkins and myself & wife — 6 in all.
I have much cause to be thankful for many blessings, especially for my recovery from severe sickness.

December 1843

Friday 1. Began to have milk of Mrs. Lewis regularly; had one quart before.

Saturday 2

Sunday 3. Prof. Tyler of Amherst college, preached. Mr Wiley unwell.

Monday 4 Hopkins returned to Hartford. I sent by him 20 dollars to pay Doct. Taft for coming up here when I was sick. An outrageous bill, but no worse than other physicians. There is no class of men from whom the people get so little value for their money, paid for services, as the physicians. They do some good, and much harm.

Canals of N. York. were closed with ice December 1. Our canal was closed about the same time. The River was closed at Hartford, same time.

Tuesday 5. Leaves — Many leaves still adhere to the oaks & walnuts; and some to the Button Ball.

Wednesday 6 Sarah Hooker Jr. here to-day.

Thursday 7. A snow storm, but not much wind. N.N.E. Sleigh bells began to jingle in the afternoon. for the first time this season. About 6 inches of light snow fell before 9 P.M.

Friday 8 Pretty good sleighing; sleighs move briskly.

Saturday 9 Same snow was 3 or 4 inches deep about New York; and 8 inches about Boston.

Money continues plenty in the cities, and there is much seeking investment. All kinds of stocks are higher than they have been, and some have risen very much recently. — N.Y. Banks lend money at 4 or 5 per cent. — and sometimes individuals lend as low as 3 per cent. when they can call for it any day. In England, money is loaned from 2 to 3½ per cent.

Sunday 10 Mr Wiley preached A.M. Pres. Allen P.M.

Monday 11 Wrote to Gideon Welles Esq. Hartford, in reply

Tuesday 12. to his of the 8th. He wishes me to come down and continue the indexing of the public papers.

Wednesday 13 Wrote to Edward Dickinson Esq. Amherst, and

oil. bro. R. Hall, Greenfield — to both in reference to the affairs of George Smith & sister Smith. Their affairs are in a very bad state. George is bankrupt — owes 1500 dollars! & has nothing to pay.

A very cold day — and very clear one. Wind, mostly S.E.

Thursday 14. Cold morning — Letter from bro. Hall in regard to Geo. Smith's affairs.

Copied off mostly Testimony, given by Geo. & John Smith & Sister Smith, before Probate Judge, in regard to George's insolvency. Edward Dickinson let me have the papers on Tuesday.

December 1843.

Friday 15 Wrote again to brother Hall on Geo. Smith's matters.

Saturday 16. Vast amounts of Pork are being put up on the Ohio River — price $2\frac{1}{4}$ to $2.62\frac{1}{2}$ per 100. Flour — in New York city — said to be 350,000 barrels.

Sunday 17. Did not go to meeting to-day.

Monday 18 Left E. Dickinson's papers at S. Wells' office. The sleighing is now very good — a solid body of snow, on the ground — which fell Dec 7. and 17th. The former was considerably reduced in many places by the sun; and the sand was mixed with it in the roads.

Tuesday 19. The trees all white with ice — every twig & spray. Began to have milk of Mr Wells.

Wednesday 20 } Examining Richardson's large Dictionary.
Thursday 21 } & making some notes from it
Friday 22 }

Saturday 23. I lent to Azariah Clapp 500 dollars. This money was paid to me Oct. 11. and I have lost the interest from that time to this, 2 months and 12 days, amounting to 6 dolls. The money has been deposited in the Bank.

Sunday 24. A sweet preacher — Mr. . . . . , and a little transcendental withal.

Monday 25. The usual exhibition at Episcopal church last evening & this forenoon. Something similar at Unitarian Church this evening. Where there is not much substance, there is frequently the more show.

Tuesday 26. Rec'd a newspaper from Doct. E. Judd of Troy, Michigan, containing a notice of the marriage of his daughter. Is this Doct. Elnathan Judd, a cousin of my father, or a son of his? Probably himself.

Wednesday 27 Snowy night from N.E. — 5 or 6 inches fell, and this morning all the bodies & limbs of trees are covered — did not snow after 8 o'clock. Considerable snow on the ground, but thawing reduces it some. Sleighing good.

Thursday 28. Much moving with sleighs & sleds

Friday 29 Rail Road meeting in Town Hall.

Saturday 30. Fine sleighing.

Sunday 31. Mr Wiley A.M. Mr. Rodgers P.M. In the evening, wrote to S. H. Colton, Worcester.

December 1843.

		Thermometer. Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	Remarks on weather.
Friday	1	17.	26.	21	Cloudy — a little snow — not ½ inch
	2	23.	38	21.	Cloudy — Clear at sunset.
Sunday	3	10.	32.	23.	Clear & pleasant.
	4	18.	35.	36.	Fair — some clouds & haze.
	5	34.	39.	20.	Clear.
	6	8.	28.	24.	Clear AM. Cloudy PM.
	7	26.	31.	26	Snow from N.E. 6 inches
	8	26.	37.	29.	Clear & pleasant.
	9	25.	35.	30	Cloudy
Sunday	10	29.	34.	19.	Clear.
	11	25.	37.	36.	Cloudy. Wind Southerly.
	12	17.	31.	16	Mostly cloudy — some sunshine
	13	0	16.	5.	Clear & bright & cold. Wind S.E.
	14	7 below 0.	28.	26.	Clear & pleasant. " S.W.
	15	24.	37.	30.	Clear & Pleasant.
	16	31.	36.	32.	Snow 4 inches A.M. Rain & mist P.M.
Sunday	17	29.	31.	28	Some hail, snow & mist. N.N.E.
	18	26.	32.	25.	A little snow — ¾ inch. cloudy.
	19	10.	34.	24	Hazy. Sun visible A.M. Cloudy P.M.
	20	30.	38.	34	Mostly clear: thawy. Wind W.
	21	30.	43.	29	do do do. do W.
	22	27.	39.	35	Mostly cloudy. do. Southerly.
	23	33.	24	30.	Cloudy. N.N.E.
Sunday	24	28.	37	34.	Cloudy
	25	28.	44	34	Mostly clear. Thawy. N & S.E.
	26	32.	38.	33.	Cloudy. do. SE.
	27	30.	35.	31.	Snow in night 5 inches. Cloudy AM. Fair P.M. Thawy
	28	31.	38.	29.	Cloudy mostly. Thawy.
	29	31.	34.	21.	½ clear ½ cloudy.
	30	15	30.	21	Clear & pleasant. N.W.
Sunday	31	22.	32.	26.	do do N.W.
		708.	1059.	825	

At sunrise $22\frac{26}{31}$
At 1 P.M. $34.\frac{5}{31}$
At 9 " " $26\frac{9}{31}$
} Average $27.\frac{27}{31}$.

Dec. 31.

December has not been a cold month for winter. The amount of snow fallen is about 16 inches, but the depth remaining is considerably less. There has been sleighing ever since Dec. 7, and very good for the last fortnight, though the thawing makes a few bare spots on sidehills, &c. About Hartford the sleighing is very poor. Stages go on wheels from Windsor, & sometimes from Springfield, to Hartford.

Connecticut River has not been frozen hard enough to bear heavy loads on the ice. A few sleighs have crossed at Hockanum, but almost all the crossing is at the bridge.

Influenza, or severe Colds, or Lung Fever have prevailed in some places, and many cases have occurred in almost all places, for some months past, and not a few deaths have taken place. December was no worse than before.

December 1843.

Sherman Clark's wood (see under Dec. 3 1841

Had of him in 1840. and 1841 — 7 cords wanting 2 feet
" " Dec 1841 & Jan 1842 — 2 " — " 8 "
" " fall of 1842 & winter 1842-3 — 5 " — " 4 "

1843
December 23 1 load, 84 feet. } — — — — 1 " and 35 feet
26 1 do 79 "
1845 Dec 11 1 do 100 " } 2 3/4 cords -
12 1 do 100 -
17 1 do 90 } 17 1/4 cords -
17 Paid him for 1/4 cord - 17 cords called for Notes date Nov. 22. 1838. for 15 cords, and interest on the same,

Spencer L. Rhodes, Wood.

Dec. 28. 1 Load by Warham Kingsley called 99 or 100 feet $2.33 -
and indorsed on said Rhodes' note. Gave rec.t
1844
Jan. 5 1 Load by do. called 3/4 cord 2.25
indorsed gave receipt.
Jan 19. 1 Load by do called 105 feet (gave rec.t) — 2.45
Feb 26 1 Load by do - (measured 100 " call 105 — 2.45
(all indorsed on Rhodes Note) gave rec.t April 9.
1845 Dec 13 1 load by Alvin Kingsley - 104 feet $2.44, indorsed, & gave rec.t 2.44

Zenas Clapp, Wood.

1844
Feb. -- 1 Cord - mostly soft maple — 3 dollars - indorsed on his note

Asa Parsons. 2 1/2 Cords, wood. 7 1/2 dollars. Paid March 5, 44

Dec 31. Tea - we used 6 or 6 1/2 lbs the past year
Coffee - we used about 30 lbs the past year

1844 Jan 23 Bought 6 lbs Coffee. April 9. 4 lbs Coffee; 8 lbs in my absence; 4 lbs Nov. 12 4 lbs Dec. 21.
" " 1 lb Tea. April 9. 1 lb Tea; 1/2 lb Tea; 1 lb Tea. Oct. 1 lb. Dec. 14

Dec 31. Sugar and Molasses the last year (see March last.
We used in 1843 about 145 pounds of Sugar, and have now on hand only 5 or 6 pounds - used from 140 to 145 lbs.
We used in 1843, about 12 gallons of Molasses and have now on hand 2 gallons.

1844
Jan. 3 Bought 20 pounds sugar at 9 cents. April 10. 10 lbs sugar at 10 cts. best kind
May 2 " 10 lbs. at 10 cts, — 10, 11 - 12 1/2 - + 16 lbs in my absence
Nov. " 12 lbs at 6. 6/; also of Collins 12 lbs. 6/ -- 3 or 4 lbs white sugar

April about 25. Molasses 2 Gallons at 37 1/2 cents. (the first bought this year.
Nov. 8 do 2 Gallons at 37 1/2 " the second bought " "

January 1844. & after.

Amherst Meteorology — by Prof. Snell — for 1843, &c.

I cannot make much of this Table — nor could I in years past. He has the Wind as follows: — N.E. 22 days. S.E. 91 days, S.W. 44 days N.W. 208 days. This cannot be correct — there is much more N.E. than S.E wind.

His fall of Water is as follows — 1837, 38.07 inches; 1838, 39.81 inches; 1839, 42.83 in. 1840, 47.02 inches; 1841, 41.63 " ; 1842, 38.05 " ; 1843, 51.58.

There were great rains in Aug.t & Oct. 1843 — over 9 inches fell each month.

Snow fell in 1837, 49 inches; 1838, 30 in.; 1839, 36 in.; 1840, 53 in.; 1841, 69 in.; 1842, 41 in.; 1843, 78 inches:
do winter of 1836-7, 54; 37-38, 48; 38-39, 30; 39-40, 51; 40-41, 78; 41-42, 33; 42-43, 81.

	1837.	1838	1839	1840	1841	1842.	1843	
Thermometer	44.21;	45.55;	46.06;	46.28;	45.85;	46.81;	45,32;	Average 45.73

The highest temperature was in July, 91° — the lowest in Feb. — 15°. viz 1843. Range 106°.

Snow this winter and fall } In Oct. 2 inches, Nov. 3 inches, Dec. 18 inches — my account does not vary much from this.

Winter at Waltham — by C. F. (Transcript. 1844

	January.	February	December
1831	29.56	22.32	15.00
1832	24.88	26.24	28.94
1833	29.33	22.45	26.06
1834	22.34	31.71	25.86
1835	23.66	22.19	20.14
1836	23.08	16.38	26.67
1837	18.80	22.77	26.90
1838	31.32	16.80	23.34
1839	24.62	26.45	29.70
1840	16.29	31.10	24.61
1841	28.07	22.46	30.40
1842	27.88	32.25	25.09
1843	30.68	17.72	
Average 13 years	25.42	23.91	= 12 yrs. 25.44

{ The Last Winter viz Dec. 43 and Jan & Feb 44

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb
	27.73:	16.70.	24.15.
Snow	23 inches;	8 in.	17 inches.

Average of winter — 22.86°
do winter of 42-43, 24.72
do " of 41-42 — 30.17
do " of 40-41 — 25.04
do " of 39-40 — 25.69.

The Winter of 1843-44. was not so cold at Waltham as that of 1835-36 and that of 1831-32

Soap — Began last week in February on box purchased last September. Have used 2 boxes (about 75 pounds each) in 3 years. We make no use of soft soap.

1844

Oil — bought 1 Gallon Jan. 2; 1 do. Feb. 7. 1 do March 21. 2 Gallons in my absence. 1 Gallon Nov. 4; 1 Gal. Dec. 6.

January 1844.

Monday 1. The new year has opened with pleasant weather and good sleighing.
Town meeting P.M. to elect a member of Congress. This is the fourth attempt, I believe. The Abolitionists prevent either of the other parties making a choice. I vote with the anti-Slavery party, when I vote at all.
The Roaring of S. Hadley Falls very distinct this evening. Very clear & bright evening.

Tuesday 2 Parkman has had of me at several times, the following sums of money: — June 1843. 8 dollars. July $5. and $5. — today 25 dollars; and he had of Isaac Clark, Aug. 26. on my account, 5$ — making in all 48 dollars — Gave me today his Note for $48. (see money accounts, under June 1843. and Jan. 7, 1844.)

I borrowed of Isaac Clark last August & September $50, $5. $16. $16. (the $5 was for Parkman) making 81.00
Interest on these sums to this day 1.69
Goods charged on his book July to Jan 4. — 9.64
Gave him a note this day for the amount. $92.33

I weighed to day 151 pounds.

Wednesday 3
Thursday 4. Son J. W. informs us that he had a son born on Saturday last December 30th. He has sold out his pamphlet & paper establishment at Hartford, and talks of going to the West.

Friday 5. Son Hall had a son born last night at 12½ o'clock. He had no physician or man to assist.

Saturday 6 Bank. } I have now 10 shares of Northampton Bank. The Certificate dated Jan. 1. Old one given up. I had some years ago 7 shares; bought last August 1 share, and bought Jan. 1. 2 shares. The 7 shares cost $105 each, and the 3 shares $110 each.
The Sleighing is first rate — never was better.
Last March, 15. Lewake owed me $1.46. All my shoemaking & mending from that time to this was only 1.56 — I in 10 cents & balanced the account. Besides this, Parkman has had kid shoes of the shoe dealers.

Sunday 7 Mr. Aaron Warner preached A.M. Mr. Wiley. P.M.
Monday 8 Wrote to bro. Hall, and E Dickinson, Esq.
Tuesday 9 Wrote to brother Matthews. He is now President of Greenville College, in Tennessee, having removed from Abingdon, Virginia, to Greenville, the last autumn.
Wednesday 10. Walked out to Hall's with Parkman. Snow in the woods said to be about 16 inches deep. About Hartford, not snow enough for sleighing: same at Albany.

January 1844

Thursday 11 — many persons here are wide awake about a Rail
Friday 12 — Road to Springfield — between 30 and 40,000 dollars have been subscribed here, and more will be.

Saturday 13 — Wife down with the Influenza. This disorder is very common —

Sunday 14 — I did not go to meeting.

Monday 15 } On Dr. Belknap's History of N. Hampshire.
Tuesday 16 }

Wednesday 17 — Wife better — she begins to do the work.

Thursday 18 — Heard for some time this forenoon, the bird which I have in years past called Pewee. Am not certain that that is the right name, though the notes of the bird sound like pee-wee, or something similar. I know not what bird it is. Its voice is commonly heard in January or February. Possibly it is a chickadee, which is said to have a plaintive whistle like phe-be.

The snow is solid, roads icy & sleighing good.

Friday 19 } On Birds, Animals, Insects.
Saturday 20 }

Sunday 21 — I went to Meeting. A Sn. Tract Agent preached.

Monday 22 — Blue Jays are screaming — were last week. I am preparing to visit Worcester —

Tuesday 23. — Took for Worcester 21.62. Left with wife $1.50. Paid to R. Road $1.00.

24 — Uncle Parsons bought a load of wood 8 feet long 4 feet 5 inches high, 3 feet 10 inch wide (settled)

26 — Received twenty dollars from Ebenezer Hewitt by way of Wm Hawley. [Indorsed.

February 7 — Received 30 dollars from Samuel Edwards by son Worcester (indorsed 5th March 1844.

19 — Load of green soft maple left on my side. I measured it

" — Indorsed 3 months after — after it was sawed and piled and it was 105 feet

" 26 — W. Kingsley left a load of wood of various lengths. He told mother there was a cord; on piling it up and measuring it before sawing I found it was 7 10' long, 2 8' high, 4 10' wide making in all 100 feet. [Entered ~~3 pages~~ back]

January 1844

	Thermometer			Remarks on weather.
	Sunrise,	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Monday 1.	20	35	23.	Very fine day.
2	8	32.	22.	Very fine day. Hazy evening.
3	25	36	32	Snowy A.M. 2 inches fell. Rainy P.M.
4	31	35	25.	Mostly cloudy. Some sunshine
5	14	18	12.	Clear & cold. Fine Sleighing
6	14	26.	8.	do do. do.
Sunday 7	7	26.	30.	Cloudy — a trifle of Snow —
8	19	23.	9.	Clear & cold
9	3 below 0:	12	5.	Cloudy & cold. A little Snow P.M.
10	10	30	19	Snowed last night 2½ inches. Day mostly Clear.
11	5 below 0:	16	3 below 0:	Clear & cold.
12	7 below 0:	21	27	Mostly Clear A.M. Cloudy P.M.
13	32	41.	28	A little rain in night. Mostly Clear — thawy.
Sunday 14	18	24.	6.	Mostly clear.
15	3 below 0:	21	11	do do.
16	18	33	32	Snowed 3½ inches A.M. Little rain P.M.
17	32	36.	34	Rainy — Evening clear & windy N.W.
18	27	34.	27.	Mostly Clear.
19	18	23.	4.	do do.
20	6 below 0:	15.	1 below 0:	Clear & pleasant. Cold. N.W.
Sunday 21	10 below:	9.	7	Clear A.M. Hazy P.M. Very cold N.E
22	6	18	1	Snowed last night ½ inch. Clear & pleasant day N.E.
23	9	24.	28.	Snowy A.M. 1½ inch. sleet P.M.
24	22	41	27	Fair. Thawy. S.W.
25	13	13.	2 below 0.	Fair. Cold. N.W.
26	16 below 0.	8.	6 below 0.	do do. do
27	16 below 0.	5.	8 below 0.	do do N.E.
Sunday 28	24 below 0.	8.	1	Some hare. do. N.E
29	10 below 0.	8.	8 below 0.	Fair do. N.W.
30	13 below 0.	15.	1	Some Cloudy. do. Various Winds
31.	6 below 0.	5.	3 below 0.	Fair. do N.W.
Above 0	343	691.	419	
Below 0	121	...	31	
	222	691	388	

Average at Sunrise $7\frac{5}{31}$°
" at 1 P.M. $22\frac{2}{31}$
" at 9 " " $12\frac{16}{31}$
} Average of the month 14 degrees.

There has been no such cold month as this since I have kept a Thermometer — The last week was terrible, throughout the Northern States. Boston harbor was frozen over and people went every where on the ice; the ice extended several miles down among the islands. With much labor and expense, a channel was cut through the ice for the Steam Boat to go out for England This could not be done till the 3 of February.

January 1844

Jany. 1. Money Matters.

	Balance on hand (see 9 leaves back.)		$20.15
	Note of Manufacturing Co. dated Sept. 8. 269.77 Due Jan. 8. with grace — Deduct int. 10 days. — 45		269.32
Jan 24	Received from Ebenezer Hunt $20		20 00
Feb. 7	Received of Samuel Edwards $30		30 00
" "	" Harry Kirkland Assignee on Charles Edwards " 69		69
			$340.46

Money paid out.

Jan. 1.	Postage bill for last quarter (letters.)	2.06	
"	Newspapers for next quarter 32c. box 13.	0.45	
"	Bill for fresh meat, salt pork, Gra. flour, &c at butcher Thayers — 6 months past.	7.68	
"	Bought at Bank 2 shares of Bank Stock $220, & Interest since last Dividend in October — 3.30.	223.30	
2	Let Parkman have	25.00 (Note)	
3	Paid for ¼ barrel of flour	1.38.	
6	Thread 8c. Woolen & cotton yarn 79c	0.87	
"	Paid Lovake, balance of account.	0.10	
8	Paid Washerwoman 50c.	0.50	
9	Cutting wood 38c. Sharpening Razor 5c	0.43	
10	Silk Hkf 75c. 12 lbs buckwheat flour 30	1.05	
13	Candy 6c. Crackers 10c.	0.16	
20	Chopping wood 62c. Washing Gloves 25	0.87	
22	Washerwoman. 50	50	
26	Paid for sawing wood 1.17 Bank $	1.25	
Feb. 12	Paid Wash-woman 42 Sausage 20	.63	
16	Paid for 2 quarts cider 5, for Bread knife 10	.15	
"	Paid for Ball of twine 2 Charity Box 2	4	
22	Paid Coats for Sawing 67c for yeast 10	77	
29	Paid Washerwoman 33, Pork 38c	71	
29	Wood sawing 67c, Tan bark 5c, Crockery 20	92	268.82
	Expenses to Worcester:-		
	Stage & Rail Road to & from Worcester	4.60	
	Trunk in Worcester to & from Depot.	40	
	Board in W. 5 3/7 weeks at $3 including fire wood & oil	16.29	
	Postage, &c 23c Yarn 67.	0.90	22.19
			291.01
	Paid brother Parsons (before went to Worcester)		1.00
	Cash on hand, March 2		48.15
			$340.16

February 1844

Thermometer — observed by C. P. in my absence

		Sunrise	1 PM.	9 PM.		
Thursday	1	15 below 0.	16	12	Mostly Fair	N.E. & S.E.
	2	16	28	24	Snowed last night & some today. 1 inch	
	3	22	38	19	Variable	N. & N.E.
Sunday	4	6	27	12	Fair.	N.
	5	17	30	24	Snow — fine — not much.	N.W.
	6	24	37.	30.	Cloudy. Snow 9 inches last night.	
	7	20.	35.	23	Fog. then Fair.	N.E.
	8	24	36	25	Some 1/2 inch. Cloudy.	N.N.W.
	9	11	27	5	2/3 Cloudy. 1/3 Fair.	N.W.
	10	3	24	13.	Cloudy mostly	N.W.
Sunday	11	8 below 0.	21.	0..	Fair	N.E.
	12	10 below 0.	22	4	Fair	N.E.
	13	10 below 0.	37	30	Cloudy mostly	S.E. &c
	14	34	37	19	Variable	N.W.
	15	0	35	21.	Cloudy	S.E. & S.W.
	16	17	45	27	Snowed last night 7 inches. Fair to day.	Thawy
	17	16	37	22	Variable	N.W. &c.
Sunday	18	7	17	11	Fair	N.W.
	19	9	47	24	Variable	Thawy
	20	12	41	38	Fair	Thawy.
	21	17	36	33	Fair.	Thawy
	22	36	43	39	Fair.	Thawy
	23	28	45	28	Cloudy	Thawy
	24	22	34	8	Cloudy. Snow 1/3 inch last night	
Sunday	25	2	32	8	Fair	N.E.
	26	0	30	17.	Pleasant	
	27	24	33	30	Cloudy. Snowing P.M.	S.W.
	28	30	38	24.	Snowed last night & yesterday 3 inches. Fair to day	N. & N.E. Thaws
	29	16	48	35	Cloudy	S.W. — Thaws
		370.	976	605		

At Sunrise — 12 22/29 } Average
At 1 P.M. 33 19/29 } 22° 37/87 —
At 9 " " — 20. 25/29 }

February has been cold, but not to be compared with February of last year. The first day belongs to the last week in January, making 7 days in succession, in which the Thermometer was from 6 to 24 degrees below zero. — Long Island Sound was frozen over, and navigation interrupted. Some Thermometers in N.H. fell to 28 degrees below 0. and to 29 at the Silk Factory, Jan. 28. Round Hill and upper parts of the village not so low as 24 by several degrees. 17° lowest. From 10th to 15th February was another very cold time, and Boston harbor again troubled with ice. The mornings were much colder at N.H. than at Worcester; the middle of the day coldest at Worcester.

March 1844

		Thermometer Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 PM	
Friday	1	36	46	37.	Cloudy. Thawy
Saturday	2	32	42	36	Cloudy — Thawy.
Sunday	3	37	48.	33	Fair — Thawy.
	4	32	38	20.	Snowed last night & A.M. 4½ inches Clear P.M.
	5	2	25	17	Fair — N.W.
	6	8	41.	26	Fair. Thawy.
	7	9	40	35	Fair. Thawy.
	8	23	43.	39	Cloudy: Rainy evening.
	9	39	51	33.	Fog. Cloudy. Thawy
Sunday	10	26	41.	29.	Clear — Thawy.
	11	17	45.	34	Clear — Thawy. S.E.
	12	26	52	38	Clear — Thawy. S.
	13	37	47	42	Rainy day — S.E. &c
	14	38	43	35	Fair — Thawy N.W. &c
	15	36	41	29.	Cloudy — N.E. &c
	16	30	38.	34	Snowed 1½ inch. last night Cloudy & some rain or sleet
Sunday	17	34	50.	33.	Cloudy A.M. Clear P.M. Thawy.
	18	31.	45.	28	Snowed 1½ inch last night. mostly cloudy. Some snow fell P.M.
	19	18	39	18	Fair mostly, Some cloudy.
	20	24	49	38.	Falls heard. Cloudy. Rainy P.M. S.E. & S.
	21	31	39.	30	Cloudy.
	22	26	36.	28	Snowed 1 inch last night Snowed 1 inch A.M. Clear after 3 P.M.
	23	18	44	24.	Cldy. hazy, & some clear.
Sunday	24	22	43	37	Clear & Pleasant.
	25	35	56.	38.	do & do. Warmest day this year.
	26	29	61.	46.	½ Fair ½ cloudy. Warmer yet.
	27.	38.	42.	30.	Cloudy. N.E.
	28	28	32.	32.	Cloudy — misty. N.E.
	29.	32.	47.	37.	Cloudy A.M. Fair P.M. N.E.
	30	29.	30.	23	Snowed last night & A.M. 2 inches Cloudy, cold day. N.E.
Sunday	31	20.	28.	17	More snow last night — all 3½ inches Fair, cold day. N.E.
		837	1324	976	

At Sunrise 27°
At 1 PM 42 22/31
At 9 " 31. 15/31

Average 33° 68/93.

March has been less unpleasant & cold than it sometimes is — less March wind than usual.

March 1844.

I went to Worcester, Jan. 23. Tuesday, and returned on Saturday March 2, having been absent 5 weeks and almost 5 days. I boarded with Mr Congdon on Main Street, and spent all the days at the Building of the Antiquarian Society; and carried books from thence to my boarding house for evening's use. Mr. S. F. Haven, the Librarian, was very accommodating.

The Snow from Wilbraham to Worcester was not half as deep as at Northampton when I went down; and there was about the same difference when I returned — as little snow about Palmer as any where. There has been snow enough for good sleighing in all this region for about 10 weeks, or since the middle of December. Very little sleighing about Hartford unless recently.

Oak Trees — Between here and Worcester, the large oaks are destitute of leaves; but all the small oaks are pretty full of brown leaves.

The Snow in this region has been, they say, from 2½ to 3 feet deep on a level, in the woods — not over 2½ feet probably in this town. It is now less than 2 feet, or about that, the late thawy days having reduced it some.

The Connecticut has been passable by stages but a few weeks, at Hockanum Ferry, notwithstanding the cold winter — is not passable now: the stage to and from the Rail Road crosses the Bridge.

No Spring Birds have been seen or heard. I noticed between Ludlow & Northampton, March 2, Crows, Hawks and blue jays — nothing else.

Sunday 3 I went to meeting A.M. Mr Wiley preached. Hall and Frances came in with their babe. A pleasant, thawy day.

Monday 4. It snowed last night & continues to day from N.E. Snowed most of forenoon — say 5 inches fell or 4½.

Horace Lyman, Treasurer, paid me today the Town's note, dated May 23. 1842 (see May 25. 1842)

Principal of Note ------	800 dollars
Interest 1 year, 9 months & 10 days	85.33
	885.33

	#	¢
This sum, when the note was given, belonged to me =	37.	14
and to brother Matthews ------	762.	86
	800.	00

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March 4. continued — Myself & brother Matthews — continued

B. B. Barber's Note, due to me and brother M.; amounted, principal & Interest, May 11. 1842 (See May 24. 1842.) — $ 2211. 61.

Received for this, on D. F. Robinson's note, May 11. 1842 (see May 24. 1842) — $ 2000. 00

Due on Luther Smith's note, May 13. 1842 — 136. 00.

Interest on it 3 years (2 years paid, 1 not p^d) at 8. 16 cents a year — 24. 48

One year's Interest on L. G. Storrs' Note paid March 1840 — 10. 67. 2171 15

Remains due from Barber and always will — 40. 46

Barber turned out a note against Lemuel G. Storrs, which would have paid more than this had it been good, but it is now considered as worthless; so Brother Matthews and myself have lost by Barber $40. 46. (he paid us before this some extra interest, & we ought not to complain.) The interest on the small items of interest paid above would reduce this sum a little; I call the loss about 39 dollars; but if only simple interest were cast on Barber's Note, the loss would be about 30 dollars.

Brother Matthews owned over one third of the debt (viz 762 dollars and some cents, of the 2211. 61.) and as I have had all the trouble and run over Hartford time & again and paid some postage, I call his loss, or his share of loss, 13 dollars, though strictly speaking it would be a little less, his part in 1842 having been cast at simple interest. Luther Smith's Note is not yet paid, and it has given me a great deal of trouble.

Present division of the Town's Note.

My share called in 1842	37. 14		
Add 13 dollars to it	13. 00		my part
	50. 14		55. 48.
Interest 1 year 9 mo. & 10 days	5. 34		
Brother Matthews share in 1842	762. 86		
Deduct for his loss on Barber's Note	13 00		Bro M's part
	749. 86		829. 85
Interest 1 year, 9 mo. & 10 days	79. 99		
			885. 33
I paid for H. Gazette for brother M. to next May		2. 00	
I deposited the rest of his money in the Bank		827. 85	
		$ 829	85

P.S. I took a Note of E. Williams and J. D. Whitney for the above sum of $827. 85. March 27, 1844 — at 4 per cent. to run 6 mo.

Post P.S. Received April 2^d 1845, principal $827. 85; interest $33. 66.
Total 861. 51.

P.P. 1847. Augt 12. I obtained a part of L. G. Storrs note, & must therefore allow brother M. the 13 $ & interest since May 23. 1842 (See Aug 12. 1847.

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Tuesday, March 5 — Settled with Brother Parsons; have had of him since Oct 11. 1844, as follows

4 lbs. Cheese	24 cts.	0.24	
40 lbs Butter (in 20 weeks)	at 14 cents	5.60	
2½ Bushels Potatoes	@ 24.	0.83	
8½ lbs Spareribs	@ 6c	0.51	$
2½ cords wood	@ 3$	7.50	14.68

Parsonage: Paid him — by interest on my note given by Rev. Mr Coggin for Westhampton Parsonage, viz, interest from May 15. 1842 to May 15. 1843 on 136.29, which Brother P. received of Mr. Coggin — $8.17
Paid in Cash — 6.51 } 14.68

Began to have milk at Doct. Walker's March 2. I weighed yesterday 155 pounds almost my old weight.

Wednesday 6. Fine day. — I am writing at home.
Brother Parsons had had $1.50 of me before yesterday. By mistake not reckoned — so he owes $1.50 (Paid May 1.)

Thursday 7. Same as yesterday.

Friday 8. A robin heard this morning. Yet the earth is every where covered with deep snow except here & there a bare spot in the road or on the South side of buildings.

Saturday 9. Snow wasted considerably to day. Wrote to J. W. who is in the New World Office, New York.

Sunday 10. Bluebirds heard this morning. The snow was said to be 18 inches deep before yesterday. Saw a blue bird. A flock of small birds appeared with crested heads — made a faint noise, and ate apples that remained on the trees. Resembled the cedar birds that eat cherries.
Some large flies out, in front of the house.
Mr Agent for Seamen A.M. Mr. Wiley P.M.

Monday 11. Blue birds musical this morning.
Shad have been caught in N. Carolina & brought to N. York.
Wrote to E. Hunt, Cummington.

I was summoned to Greenfield by Judge of Probate under pretence that I had not settled the estate of Rodney Smith. I rode up to South Deerfield to day with Elihu Clark in a one horse sleigh; and Tuesday 12, rode with Edward Dickinson, Esq. of Amherst to Greenfield. It was through his instrumentality that I had been summoned. He was soon convinced that he had made a gross mistake, & that I had fully settled the estate. So I had nothing to do; the Judge did not ask me a single question. This mistake grew out of George R. Smith's insolvency and his testimony thereon. It was, however, a very gross blunder. I do not leave business half done.

March 1844.

Money Matters.

March	4.	Balance of Cash 3 leaves back	48.15	
	4	Received of the Town, my share of the note paid this day (see 2 pages back)	55.48	
April	3	Dividend on 15 Shares in Greenfield Bank	52.50	
	3	Dividend on 10 shares N. H. Bank	35.00	
	4	Dividend on 10 shares B. & P. Rail Road — sent from N.Y. by son J. W.	30.00	
	8	Money on Note v. S. Warham Kingsley	106.97	
	9	Money for interest of Cousin Samuel Edwards	5.70	333.80

Money Paid out.

March	4	Hillyer's bill of Goods for 1843	9.78	
	4	Thayer's bill of pork, cheese &c	1.54	
	4	Washerwoman 50c. Crackers, 13.	0.63	
	4	Mr Lee's bill for fixing stove pipe &c	0.65	
	4	my Garetts & Sylvester's for 1843	3.00	
	5	balance of wood &c to bro. Parsons	6.51	
	6	Flour of Isaac Clark	0.50	
	6	34 quarts of milk of Mr. Wells (stopped last week)	1.36	
	8.	Pork 29c. Thread 5c. Snuff 8c	0.42	
	11	Paid Mr. Shepard towards Rent	50.00	
	11	Postage E. H. 4c. Eggs 13c. Sundrs 13c	0.30	
	15	Spent while absent up the river — mostly at Sunderland	1.23	75.92
	18.	Washerwoman 50c. Needles 8c	0.58	
		Stage fare last week from Greenfield to South Deerfield	0.50	
	19	Flour 53c. Package to Hartford 13c	" 66	
	21	Yeast 5c Eggs 2 doz. 20 cents.	" 25	
	23	Buckwheat flour 24c Basket 12½c	37	
	26	45 lbs pork, shear, fish, at 7cts	3.15	
		4 qts Salt 8c. blank book 62	0.70	
		Starch 12c. Thread 8c. Contribution 10	0.30	
April	1.	Washerwoman 50c. freight to Green. 12c	0.62	
	2	Postage bill for last quarter	3.92	
		Postage 6c. Pepper 3. Buckwheat 30c	0.39	
	3	Paid the rest of house rent to Mr S. to April 10. 1844	20.00	
	"	Pew rent to Mr. S. to Nov. 1. 1843.	5.00	
	"	Eggs 4 doz 40c. Sweet Oil 6c	0.46	36.90
	5	15½ lbs flour 50 cents. Ink powder 8c	58	
	10	mending tub & pail 27c Salt 13.	40	
	11	3 doz Eggs 30c. Something 6c.	36	
	13	Bedrope 50c. — flowerpot 14c	64	
	15	Washerwoman 50c.	50	2.48
				115.30

March 1844.

Wednesday 13 I remained with brother Hall last night, and to day rode down to South Deerfield in the rain. — It rained all day.

Thursday 14 I went over to Sunderland, to consult the old records of the place, & take minutes from them.

Friday 15 I remained at Sunderland over night, and at 2 o'clock P.M. started for Northampton on foot; I came through Sunderland Meadows, North Hadley & Hadley, & reached home at 7 O'clock. The distance 12 miles, but I rode about 1½ or 2 miles. The travelling was bad — snow, ice, mud, &c. and very uneven.

The sleighing is bad, and wheels begin to go.

The rain and thaw of the 13th raised all streams very much; but did not break up the ice on the Connecticut. There are many open places in the river, but the greater part is still covered with ice.

The Birds. I heard at South Deerfield, Greenfield & Sunderland, blue birds & robins; and at Sunderland two other kinds — the note of one was like a lark.

Snow still covers almost all the fields & meadows in the valley, and the highlands east & west. The bare places are larger on the East side of the river than on the west side. Amherst is said to have less snow than Northampton.

Saturday 16. It snowed 1½ or 2 inches last night.

Sunday 17 Birds musical this morning — viz Robins, bluebirds, blackbirds, {Song or Ground} sparrows.
Did not go to meeting to day.
Wrote in the evening to E. Dickinson Esq. in regard to G. R. Smith's affairs.

Monday 18. Was employed on my Sunderland Extracts and Minutes.

Tuesday 19 Town meeting, yesterday & to day. I did not attend. Connecticut is open up to Springfield, and boats are beginning to run.

Wednesday 20. Our late Town meeting of two days makes a good deal of talk — There seem to have been many parties — whig, democratic, abolition, temperance, anti-temperance, each acting pretty at first, but strangely mixed & confused before they had finished the election of Town Officers.

The admission of Texas is now a general topic of conversation — The South, or Slaveholders and northern democrats united will probably succeed in admitting Texas into the union, to help Slavery.

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Thursday 21. The sleighing is at end in this village since the rain of yesterday.
Steamboats reached Albany on Monday March 18. for the first time this season.

Wages - of a man farming, for 6 or 7 months are about 11 dollars a month or from 10 to 12 dollars.

Cattle at Brighton are only 4.50 to 5.00 per 100. - even those extra fat, bring only 5 dollars. This is but little more than the feeders gave last fall -

A meeting of all parties (notice having been given by handbills) against the admission of Texas in the Town Hall, this evening. All were professedly on one side, but many, I suppose, from other considerations than those of slavery. Resolutions passed, remonstrance voted, &c.

Friday 22. About 2 or 2½ inches snow fell last night & to day - Sleighs again running - A Meeting of Temperance men, to nominate County Commissioners.

Saturday 23. Letter from J Walker in New York.

Sunday 24 The Hatfield minister preached all day.
Sleighing done again.
The eastern & western hills are still white, and much of the surface of the fields &c. in this place is still covered with snow.

Monday 25 Fine day - snow melted fast.

Tuesday 26 Birds are quite noisy in the morning; principally bluebirds, robins, and song sparrows. - The latter, I have sometimes, in years past, called ground birds, because their nests are often on the ground. It comes about as early as the bluebird.

Phebe - This bird was heard to day - rather early, I think: though I have before heard them the last week in March.

Wednesday 27. } Court Week - brother Parsons here Tuesday
Thursday 28 } night.

Friday 29. Ed. Dickinson here in regard to G. Smith -
Mr. R. Hubbard & wife here in Evening.

Saturday 30. 2 a 2½ inches Snow - sleighs out again

Connecticut River broke up & ice went off above the bridge on Monday last, March 25.

Sunday 31 More snow last night - There is 3 inches or more of snow, and all the coldness & dreariness of winter. Sleighs all out to day - cold - very little thawing. A hard time for birds - some sing yet.

March has been not more unpleasant than usual - much less wind than in some years.

April 1844

		Thermometer — Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	Remarks.
Monday	1.	13.	38.	24	Clear & pleasant. cool. N.E.
	2	14.	41.	26.	Clear & pleasant. cool N.E.
	3	19.	48	38.	Clear & Pleasant, warmer. Southerly
	4	32	68	62	mostly clear. Warmest Day. do
	5	44.	58	37	Mostly clear — Warm.
	6	28	63.	41	Clear A.M. Cloudy P.M. Rain in Evng.
Sunday	7	39	53	46.	Cloudy. Wind Southerly.
	8	42	62	59.	Cloudy till 11 A.M. Clear P.M.
	9	52	70	49	1/2 Clear A.M. 1/2 clear P.M.
	10	34	70.	56	Clear & pleasant.
	11	42	81	52	mostly clear — very warm. S.E
	12	37	66	50	Clear & pleasant. Southerly.
	13	38	73	62	Clear & pleasant. do.
Sunday	14	44	83	67	do — do. very warm. S.E. & N.W.
	15	50.	77	54	mostly cloudy. N.E. &c
	16	48.	68	56.	1/2 cloudy. 1/2 clear.
	17	54.	65	44.	mostly clear. N.W.
	18	32.	50	40	do — do. Cooler. Southerly.
	19	27	60	44	do — do do — do
	20	34	68.	56	1/2 clear 1/2 cloudy. — N.E.
Sunday	21	52	64	54	Cloudy. Sprinklings. S.E.
	22	50.	70	62.	1/2 cloudy or more, warm.
	23	54	68.	51.	Mostly Cloudy.
	24	46	64.	58	Cloudy. Rain towards night & evening. Some thunder.
	25	52.	63	54	Clear & pleasant.
	26	52.	62	46	Cloudy. Some rain P.M.
	27	39	63	43	Mostly Cloudy.
Sunday	28	41	62	51	Cloudy A.M. Clear P.M.
	29	38	64	48	Clear & pleasant
	30	32	70	52	Frost. do.
		1179	1912.	1482	

Thermom — at sunrise $39\frac{9}{30}$
at 1 P.M. $63\frac{22}{30}$
at 9 " " $49.\frac{12}{30}$

average — $50.^{\circ}\frac{73}{90}$.
Warmest April for many years
Warmer than April 1827.

First half of April in N. York city was warmer than the same half since 1827 — viz. 1844 — 53°.13'; 1827, 55°.20'.
The warmest between these was 1830 — over 51°.
(One paper applies the above to Albany.

April 1844

Monday 1. The coldest April morning since I have kept a Thermometer. Every thing covered with snow. Snow is 3 or 3½ inches deep — some drifted; besides the snow on the ground before Saturday morning. The song sparrow sings, notwithstanding. It thawed some. Sleighs still out.

Tuesday 2 Still cold, and fair — Last snow not gone. Wrote to E. Hunt. Cummington. Vegetation has not started at all.

Wednesday 3. Rec. a draft of $52.50 from Cashier of Greenfield Bank — for my dividend on 15 shares of the bank, 3½ percent. Rec. of N. H. Bank 35 Dolls. Dividend on 10 shares

Thursday 4 State Fast. Both Congregations met at Edwards Church A.M. Old Church P.M. Enough turned out from both to make a good congregation. Some from other Societies P.M. Mr Rogers A.M. dwelt on the sins of the land, & was severe on the politicians, speculators, &c. Mr Wiley P.M. did not meddle with these things.

Warmest day this year — yet much snow on hills around us, & considerable in the valley. Lots about the village are mostly bare.

Poplar (aspen) shows soft downy buds or blossoms
Willow (alder kind) shows similar blossoms or buds.
Lilacs } Leafbuds swelled, and almost ready to open
Gooseberries }
Elm — Flower buds do — " " do — "
Grass — around buildings has started — some spots green.

Friday 5. Birds of several sorts are very noisy this morning. The warm day of yesterday & last night has given them new life.
Walked with G. P. over to Mr Whitmarsh's place, — vegetation has not started there; many snow banks remain on his premises.

Saturday 6 Snow is almost all gone from the Eastern Hills. Much remaining on western Hills & on North side or part of Mt. Tom & Holyoke.

Sunday 7. Mr Wiley A.M. a Stranger P.M.
Hale & Frances & babe in here P.M.

Monday 8. Warham Kingsley's son paid me upon a Note dated March 14. 1839 — signed by him & Jane Lyman for 133. dollars — 2 years interest paid — & 43.86. of principal paid May 3. 1841 — leaving of Principal 89.14 — Interest 1.09: 5.34 + 5.73 + 5.67 compound. making the principal 89.14: Interest 17.83: = 106.97
Wrote to Geo. R. Smith.

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Tuesday 9. For 6 days, the weather has been very mild and vegetation has started some.
Grass is green in rich, warm places in the lots.
Frogs began to peep last evening — & were quite noisy. They were seen some days before.
Gooseberry — shows very small open leaves.
Elm — some of the flower buds are open & the anthers appear. These buds are of a rusty or reddish color & give the trees a slightly russet appearance, before they open; and after they are open the reddish anthers deepen the color; green soon follows.
Willows — a small kind by the brooks showed the soft buds (called pussies by some — botanical one is Catkins, or little cats) some days ago. These buds are now opening & the anthers appear.
Poplars — about the same as Willows.
Catkins dangle from birches — also from alders. The latter I believe were on in the fall.
Lilac buds not yet open.
Seringa buds are quite green, but not open.
Birds — Among the early spring birds are the robin, blue bird & blackbird, & soon after, or perhaps 8 or 10 days later, appear the song sparrow, & lark, & later still, the Phebe, & some others. Those named all came in March; and the voice of some others was heard, whose names I do not know. These commonly appear in March, but in 1843 none were seen till April.
Coqueldee — is a sound made by the common blackbird (Error see April 27)
Snow is almost all gone from Tom & Holyoke; and the Western hills are mostly bare.
Red Maple flower buds not open

Cousin Samuel Edwards paid me $5.70.
He had paid a years interest on his Note of 500 dollars Feb. 7. which is not due (the interest 30 dollars) till June 7. So I owed him 60 cents on this for advance pay. He owed the interest on a 100 dollar note June 7, 1843, which he now paid, viz 6 dollars, & 30 cents for the delay of 10 months. Deduct 60 cts from 6,30, leaves 5.70.

The warm weather has melted the snow at the North so much that the Connecticut has risen, and overflows considerable of the South Meadow & some of the North. There has been no rain to effect this.

Wednesday 10 A very fine day. Roads are drying fast. Dust flies in the centre.
George Lyman here.

April 1844

Thursday 11 – Extraordinary day for April – Therm. up to 81°
For 7 or 8 days, we have had fine spring weather –

Grass is green on all good lands – rich mowings look finely –

Gooseberry leaves are so out that the bushes look green.

Lilac leaves are open, & show the purple flower buds a little – many trees not so forward as these noted.

Elms – are generally in blossom – some nearly full: others but just commenced.

Currant leaves, are almost ready to open – are opening.

Red Maple – some buds are open, but the red within is not developed enough to give the trees a red appearance.

Friday 12 Another warm day – not so warm as yesterday. Walked out to the Community with E.P. to see Hall, &c.

Red maples are now a little reddish at a distance, and are fast becoming more red. – One kind of maple blossoms are seen, which have not much red, or have much less red than the others. Whether the tree on which these greener flowers grow, is a different species from the others, or not, is more than I can tell.

Hard Maples, or Sugar maples show little or no change.

Poplars – the common kind – light colored smooth bark, are full of long & handsome catkins, making quite a display.

Elms – begin to have a greenish color – very faint as yet.

Oaks – many small ones still retain last year's leaves.

Daffodils – blossoms are out at Mr. Talbot's.

Ploughing – many people are ploughing between here & the silk factory – & doubtless are dry uplands in other parts of the town.

Winter Rye looks quite green.

Weeping Willow – has small leaves opening.

Peach Trees in this village will not blossom this year. The severity of the winter or something else has killed the flower buds & injured the trees.

Roads are mostly dry – some wet miry places on clay soil.

Thimbleberry – shows open leaves

Crab apple } have very small open leaves – not many.
Currant }

Yellow Willow – has small leaves –

Balm of Gilead Poplar – the resinous buds are open, and the catkins appear.

Syringa – the leaf buds almost ready to open.

Gardening – some people have commenced gardening.

Butterflies – one or two seen.

Honeysuckle – had open leaves with the gooseberry and lilac, or thereabouts – probably before.

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Saturday 13 Another warm day.

Maples. All the maples on Mill River in the meadow are apparently of one kind — they are in blossom, and there is something reddish about the blossoms, but they are not red — are but little more russet or reddish than the elm has been — most of the flower is green. These are very different from the red maples noticed yesterday west of the village — those have crimson flowers, yet many of them are on upland, though they are called swamp maple. — I perceive no red maples about the meadow; and the few red ones in the village were transplanted from elsewhere.

Are those on Mill River the white, soft wood maple? I think they will prove so.

The red maple is found both on wet & dry grounds.

The Maples on Elm Street between Allen Clark's and widow (Increase) Clark's are all in blossom and are of a different species from those this side of Widow Clark's. Are not those in blossom red maples? They are reddish. Those this side are hard maples, and show but little change. — The Maples on the canal, north of Hawley Lane, are in blossom — apparently mostly red, & some soft — they are not hard.

Sunday 14 Warmest day yet. Thermometer at 1 P.M. 83. at 3 P.M. 80. at 6 P.M. 74

No such day in April since I have kept a thermometer. Windows of churches & dwelling houses open. Females generally had fans, as in mid-summer. Vegetation advances rapidly, & dust flies.

Mr Wiley preached A.M. & P.M.

Monday 15 Still warm.

Apple — Many trees have open leaves, — many not.

Crab-apple — A little more forward than common apple.

Peach. Few small trees show leaves. Large trees show nothing.

Quince — A few trees have open leaves — most not so.

Pear — buds are opening & some open

Eng. Cherry — buds are green — some are opening.

Apricots — seem injured by the winter. A few flower buds show white & red, but seem blighted.

Plums — have green buds.

Currants — many leaf buds open — not all.

Gooseberry. Plants full of leaves & very green.

Lilac — Quite green — purple clusters of flower buds are considerably spread.

Syringa — Leaves are out, & were yesterday —

Thimbleberry — full of leaves.

Horse chestnut. The leaves are opening on some trees; and some have only buds green at the end

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Monday 15 - Continued — Vegetation

Red maples are more red. Some of the real red maples have flowers of a much paler red than others.

Hard maple. Some trees have large leaf buds, almost ready to open - some opening.

Elms — become greener — have as yet only a dirty green, or brownish green color.

English Elms — have only swelled buds — nothing green about them.

Tulip Tree — large buds almost open.

Hawthorn — the leaf buds are open — some not yet so.

Mountain Ash — the leaves are opening.

Butternut } some trees have large buds — short catkins
Walnut } appear on the butternut.

Oak } some green buds on small trees — the trees
Chesnut } do not disclose much change, in general.

Witch Hazel — has brown leaves (like those of the butternut) but not yet fully open.

Alder — Small ones have leaves; most have only green buds. Small russet catkins are on the alders; & large ones of a brownish color which came out last year, I suppose.

Willows — some of the tree willows are quite green with leaves.

English oaks — are more forward than the American ones.

Rhubarb in the garden — The large buds have appeared above the ground, and are opening —

Grass in rich places is two inches high.

Insects of various kinds have appeared.

The glow worm (without wings) has appeared.

Grass hoppers — here & there a small one.

The river has fallen some — still pretty high.

Ploughing is going on in Hadley meadow.

Dandelions are gathered for greens.

Venus' Pride (called piss abed by some) begins to blossom.

Skunk Cabbage shows a queer flower above ground and nothing else is seen; P.S. leaves in some places.

Sweet Fern — has green buds — and aments or catkins. I know not when these catkins were formed.

White Birch has aments or catkins, but no leaves.

Hackmatack — shows green tufts of leaves; and a kind of catkins or aments, which produce the little cones.

Flowers of 5 or 6 kinds, & probably more, are found in the woods.

The Ash — one sort shows abundance of small purple or dark colored bunches — buds or flowers I suppose.

Thorn bush, or Thornapple, leaves are opening

Snow ball has open leaves.

Button ball — has only buds.

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Tuesday 16. Rev. Mr. Goggins paid me for my 2 shares in the Westhampton Parsonage 136. 29
Parsonage & Interest since May 15. 1843 — 11 months 7. 49
143. 78

The place was sold to Mr Goggins May 15. 1842, for 800 dollars, and of this sum 136.29 belonged to me. (See Feb. 2. 1843.) The Interest of the first year I rec.d of brother Parsons. (See March 5. 1844.)

Brother Richardson Hall has borrowed of me 300.00 on a note he sent by mail yesterday, signed by himself as principal and W. T. Davis as surety — the note for 300 dollars, dated yesterday, on demand. I have enclosed a draft I had for dividend of the Greenfield Bank, 52.50, & Northampton bills 247.$ making 299.50. So I owe him 50 cents. I put the letter into P. Office in evening at a quarter past seven; delivered it to the Postmaster himself.

Vegetation. Another warm day, & rapid progress of leaves, &c. Buds & leaves are seen where appearing, in the woods & fields, gardens, &c — and besides grass, plants of various kinds are starting up in the fields, swamps, woods, &c.

Apple trees — many of them now look greenish at a distance. Blossom buds are numerous.

Soft maples on Mill river, &c. or those which have flowers not red, are full of small leaves. —

Red maple & Hard maple leaves are not open fully.

Water still covers considerable of the South meadow. Some are ploughing in the higher parts, but not many.

Wild Flowers near the woods: Trailing Arbutus, Bloodroot, Dutchman's breeches, Common Erythronium &c. Anemone or Liverleaf, Venus' Pride (near woods & roads)

English Cherry — some leaves are open. Mr. Shepard's trees have few or no flower buds. Trees in the higher parts of the village will have blossoms, or some of them.

Wednesday 17 } Still warm — Rev. Eleazar Williams of Green Bay here in evening.
Letter from J. W. to day —
Letter from Bro. Hall. He received the money I sent.

Thursday 18 Cooler — Mr. Williams called again this morning. I was acquainted with him over 30 years ago when he studied with Mr. Hale. He is part Indian, being great-grand son of Eunice Williams, who was carried away from Deerfield in 1704, and married an Indian in Canada in 1713.

Wrote to J. P. Dabney, a day or two since (Boston) in reply to his.

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Thursday 18. Vegetation —

Maples. Some hard or sugar maples have open leaves. I do not notice any blossoms on hard maples but perhaps some that I call white or soft maples are really sugar maples.

Horse Chesnut. Some trees have open leaves, and show clusters of flower buds.

Wild cherry — leaves are out on some trees.

Button wood } have large green leaf buds — not yet
Thorny Locust } open.

Worms nests appear on apple & other trees. The worms about 3/8 or 1/2 inch in length.

Found to day a small tree, 6 or 7 feet high, full of white blossoms — perhaps choke cherry. [Shad bush

Hard Maple. Found to day 1 tree full of flowers and leaves not open. The hard maples around it were full of leaves, & had no flowers.

Shad — some have been brought here from below.

Friday 19. Wrote to Ira Webster (now in Boston), but probably belongs to Connecticut) in reply to his about the New England Primer. Could not inform him about its origin.

Yellow Birch — leaves are just opened, and in the leaf bud is also a catkin which expands when the leaves open. Separate from the leaves are larger older catkins, 2 inches long.

Elms are now quite green & the winged seeds are growing fast.

Red Maples, that have flowers, have not in general open leaves.

Skunk Cabbage has several large leaves in some places.

The River continues high.

Mts Holyoke & Tom have not changed very much — at this distance I see neither green nor red, but a slight russet appearance, a change from the brown of winter has every where taken place. The mere swelling of buds changes the hue of a tree or forest, & small leaves change the color still more.

Verdure — The greenest shrubs & trees are gooseberry, lilac, elm, willow, crab apple, seringa

Peach trees would be in blossom if they were going to blossom this season. I have heard of a few blossoms but have not seen one. The trees look sorry enough — some are killed, & many will lose a large portion of their branches.

Apricots — like the peach.

April 1844

Money Account

		Money received – from Cleaveland back		333.80
April	16	Received of Rev. David Coggin for my 2 shares of Westhampton Parsonage. Principal 136.29 Interest 7.49	143.78	143.78
				477.58
	16	Balance on hand	62.78	
	22	Rec. of Doc. Wm. Hooker on his note	132.00	
			$194.78	

Money paid out – from Cleaveland back

				115.30
April	16	Lent to brother Richardson Hall on a note signed by him & W. T. Davis dated yesterday. (I owe him 50 cents, paid it April 5. 1845)	299.50	299.50
	16	On hand		62.78
				477.58
	17	Yeast &c. 7c. 12 lbs. buckwheat flour 36c	43	
	18	Mending tin 6c. 8 skeins Cot. yarn 40	46	
	19	Soap 3c. 5 lbs dried apples 35c	38	
	20	Snuff 8c. 4 doz Eggs 50c	58	
	22	1 Lodmanum 6/- & bringing it 2/	1.33	
	23	Butter 20c – Flour 1.00. yeast 3c	1.23	
	24	Veal 31 – {Plate, making cloth}	1.15	
	26	Butter 26 {Shoes for wife 58c}		
	29	do – 28c – Washer woman 50c	0.78	
May	1.	Paid up brother Parsons to this date; had had of him since last settlement 2.25; He paid me March 6 (on that date) 1.50; 0.75	0.75	
	1	Paid him for 1 bush. Pot. for Hall	0.37	
	"	Yeast 3 cts. 1/2 horse & waggon to Hatfield 37c.	0.40	
	"	10 yds Calico for wife at S. & L. at 16c	1.60	
	"	Milk of Doct. Walker from March 2 to May 1 inclusive 66 pints at 2 cts	1.32	
	2	23 3/4 lbs Lard 9 cts of Thayer	2.14	
	"	Garden seeds 13c. – Bridge toll last week 12c	0.25	
	"	C. P. paid Wood for horse & waggon to Hadley, April 25.	0.50	
	"	9 yds. Calico at Hopkins @ 14.	1.26	
	"	4 " do at S. & L. at 10c	0.40	
	"	Postage bill for month of April	1.00	16.33
	3.	Left at home 11.45		11.45
		Took with me 167.00		167.00
				$194.78

See next account in May.

April 1844

Saturday 20 – Dry & dusty.

Butternuts – some trees have open leaves.
Walnut, – Shagbark buds have not altered much.
Sweet Fern – shows leaves, & the catkins about an inch long are full of pollen or dust.
Sumac – has brown buds – have not grown much.
Venus Pride is becoming more plenty in the pastures: – that is, the blossoms.
Balm of Gilead Poplar – shows open leaves, and the catkins are mostly gone. The leaf buds are less resinous than the catkin buds.
Elder – has some open leaves.
Choke-cherry (or perhaps shad-bush) is seen here & there almost ready to blossom – I have seen only one in blossom. Blossoms white, on spreading racemes. See p. 23 & 25
Asparagus has been above the ground 2 or 3 days.
White Birch – has small leaves – catkins 1½ inch long.

Sunday 21. Pres. Humphrey preached A.M. and P.M. on several kinds of religion, viz. Religion of the Senses; of the intellect; of the imagination; of the conscience; of the natural affections; of outward morality; of animal excitement; and of the heart.

Plums – the barren kind, that never produces fruit, shows blossoms.
Gooseberry – has open blossoms
Currants – have some open flowers.

Monday 22 Very warm.

Flowering Currant, or Missouri Currant (yellow flowers) begins to exhibit blossoms.
Babe's Breath – is in blossom.
Daffodils – are almost in full blossom – very numerous
Tulip – a dwarf kind are in blossom. The common kinds are not very near flowering
Elms – leaves have been out some days on trees that do not flower much. Some flowering trees have small leaves, but in general, not quite open.
English Cherry – has open blossoms. Some trees in the lower part of the village are going to blossom, but Mr. Shepard's trees have scarcely any flower buds.
Plum – Egg plum has leaves – purple plum no leaves. (i.e. Mr. S.'s)
Bass – shows buds; a few leaves on small trees.
Beech – shows long brown buds – no leaves.
Yellow Willow has catkins; four leaves come out & then a catkin.
Brown low willows – some are splendid by their large green catkins.

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Monday 22 — Continued.
Wrote to J. W. at N. York — to A. Gouch. W.H.
Dr. Wm. Hooper here — paid me 132 dolls
Oren Kingsley here — Conversed with S and Henshaw

Poke Root — is a foot high in some places, with leaves 4 or 5 inches wide and 6 or 8 long — is sometimes mingled with skunk cabbage, which it resembles.

Adders' Tongue (Erythronium) is a very common plant — both in the woods & shady places in the fields — large places are covered with them. Yellow flower.

Blood Root — is also very plenty, & its delicate white flower may be seen in many shady places.

Dutchman's Breeches, is also mingled with the two preceding plants. (See April 24. 1845)

Oak — the black oak has large buds — almost leaves.

Chesnut — has buds, but not so forward as black oak.

Ash — some trees still show the black or purple bunches; others have only small buds.

Tulip Tree has open leaves.

Maples — differ much from each other — even those of the same species. Some hard maples are full of leaves & are as green as any tree there is; other hard maples have only buds. Some maples have reddish leaves

Trees of the same species that have pistillate flowers differ in appearance from those having staminate flowers — whether the flowers be in cathins or otherwise. Cathins differ on the same tree — some are barren, some fertile.

Common Locust — has green buds; and small trees have leaves.

Wild Grapes — have large buds & a few leaves.

Sowing spring grain commenced some days since. Some on upland has come up.

The Water is nearly all gone from the meadows: — has abated fast since Saturday.

The Farmers are very busy in the meadows — carrying manure, ploughing, &c.

Broomcorn is to be the grand crop this year: all are going to plant broomcorn.

Making Gardens is pretty common all about the village.

Flowers — the cultivation of these in the garden, flower-pots, &c. is extending more & more. It is very fashionable, and otherwise pleasant.

Fruit-trees, are also much attended to. Many are brought here from Newton and elsewhere.

April 1844

Tuesday 23 I am this day 55 years old. I have reason to praise the Lord & "to forget not all his benefits".

Dandelion — a very few blossoms out.

Shad Bush. A shrub or small tree is conspicuous with its white flowers — some call it the Shad bush. — Parkman calls it choke-cherry. I know not what it is. [See April 20. It was Shad bush.

Shad are brought here from below Enfield Falls. are sold from 25 to 38 cents.

Wednesday 24. Mr. H. O. Sheldon, of Berea, Ohio, was here all day, gathering information in regard to the Sheldons. He is a descendant of a Sheldon of R.I. supposed to be a brother of Isaac S. who was an early settler at Dorchester. Mr. H. O. S. is a Methodist Preacher.

Thursday 25. The rain of last evening makes every thing look fresh & green.

Apricots. Trees are almost dead. A few blossoms appear, which would have been out 10 days ago or more, if the trees were vigorous. A few leaves are opening.

Plums { Egg plums show blossoms.
Barren plums (Hopkins') are white with blossoms
Purple plums — flower buds not open.

Thorny Locust exhibits small leaves; on a few trees.

Corn in Maryland is up and "harrowed once".

Button Ball has open leaves.

Wind-flowers (Anemones) are very plenty in the edge of woods, & elsewhere.

Oaks (black, yellow, &c. not white) show small leaves — generally reddish.

White oaks have buds — some almost ready to open — perhaps a few are open. [E. of River at Mt Warner]

Chesnuts — many trees have small leaves — some an inch long, — but they are not numerous enough to make the trees look green. — [Mount Warner.]

English Cherries — many blossoms open on some trees —

Currants — many blossoms.

Ash — the purple bunches are expanding & becoming greenish — the purple is perhaps the anthers.

Many ashes (not all) have small leaves.

Shrub oaks are full of reddish catkins.

Apple trees are all green or greenish, even at a distance. Some buds show red ends.

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Thursday 25 continued

Rode over the river with C.P. — went round by Dickinsons' Tannery; by Serena Smith's; by Plainville, to North Hadley. Looked at School Meadow, &c. Went after a debt, for one thing, but accomplished nothing.

Vegetation is quite as forward east of the river as on this side — Spring grain, I judge, is generally sown — the roller used by some. The ploughing for corn & broom-corn is partly done, but the greater part not done — Grass looks well in mowings & pastures in Hadley — very few brown, barren fields there.

Mts. Tom & Holyoke show here & there a green tree (deciduous) but the general hue is brown, or russet — not green, not red.

The Eastern & Western Hills are generally green where cleared; the forests, not too far off, show some green trees but most are brown with a slight hazel or russet hue, caused by the buds of spring, & perhaps by the red maple.

Mount Warner, when near by, has a slight greenish appearance, intermingled with the red of maple.

Round Hill is apparently no more advanced, perhaps less, than Mount Warner.

The Shadbush, so called is conspicuous by its white blossoms, East of the river, as well as west.

Venus's Pride is abundant east of the River. Also anemones.

Hard maples, there as here, are in all stages from small buds to large leaves — some full of blossoms or seeds, but most have none.

Pignuts (walnuts that bear worthless nuts) have small leaves.

Shagbark leaves are not open.

Purple Martins appeared to day.

Blackbirds or Buntings that say Coquelde have been about 19 or 20 days. They seem to me to be the bob-o-link, yet naturalists say they (bobs) do not come north till May. P.S. They are Redwinged Blackbirds

Appletrees — Some show the red ends of blossom buds, but seem not so forward comparatively as some other trees. Perhaps as usual.

Horse Chestnut — the pyramids of flower buds on some trees are 3 inches high.

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Friday 26 Cousin Samuel Edwards sent a ham, smoked, weighing 24½ lbs. [Sellled.
Orphan George Lyman here.

Saturday 27.
Purple plum shows blossoms
Pear — one tree back of Shoprow has flowers. Others are not out.
Maples on Mill River all have reddish leaves — but their seeds are green.
Oak — White oaks show small leaves, almost open.
Shagbarks — have leaves almost open.
Mt Holyoke, on the lower part is a little greenish — & dirty green — apparently from oaks, chesnuts, &c.

Chimney-Swallows appeared to-day in great numbers.
Coquelide — The birds that say coquelide (among other sounds) and noticed April 9 & 25 — have reddish, yellowish and other colored shoulders — some a dirty white. Their sounds & colors resemble the bobolink, but perhaps they are the red winged blackbirds. They are not the common blackbird. [See June 10.
Honey locust (or clammy locust) shows small leaves.
Common Cherry — has blossoms.
Butternut Catkins (flower strings) are 2 inches long or more.
Peacocks (Edward Clark's) make their dismal evening screams — began some evenings since.
English Oaks on Roundhill, N. E side, have much larger leaves than American Oaks. [P.S. Then an American red oak.
English Elms, have small leaves — no blossoms.

Sunday 28. Mr Miley A.M. & P.M.
Mr Douglass, a blackman, who has been a slave held forth in the evening on Slavery in the Town Hall. The Hall was overflowing.

Monday 29 Some frost on low lands this morning.
The Wren was seen & heard the first time, this morning.
Grass — is forward on all goid lands.
Early Grass (I have called it Vernal here, for I know not its name) exhibits many heads & a few anthers
A low species of grass, with heads like the English (Poa pratensis) but leaves wider & shorter, shows some heads. Perhaps this is Poa annua.

Strawberries (wild) have blossoms; some a day or two out.
Five fingers (yellow flower) has blossoms.
Whortleberry — a dwarf species, perhaps the Low Blueberry, is full of bell shaped blossoms.

April 1844

Monday 29. Continued.

English Cherry, in the higher parts of the village, seems to be in full blossom, or near it, perhaps past.

Pear trees - on Elm Street, almost all have flowers some must have been open April 27th.

Apple Trees - I found two trees with blossoms in the vicinity of Elm Street - one in C. P. Huntington's garden, west of his house, & one in the ravine below Jewett's cider mill. The latter had hundreds of open blossoms; the former a dozen or more. Doubtless other trees have blossoms.

Crab Apple, have blossoms almost open, not quite.

Tuesday 30 Therm. 32°. White frost.
Wrote to brother Matthews.

Vegetation April 30.

Apples - Many trees have blossoms in the lower as well as in the upper part of the village; blossoms may be found in every direction. Some trees have hundreds. Apple blossoms in April are unusual though not unprecedented — A tree S. of Baptist M. House has thousands of blows.

Crab Apples - show blossoms.

Pears in lower parts of the village have blossoms - probably were out yesterday on some trees (besides the one noted April 27th.

Eng. Cherry - a little past full bloom in general - not all

Plums - some full, or past; purple nearly full.

Currants - not far from being in full bloom - some not yet open.

Apricots & Peaches - Most of these trees stand dry or withered, as to a large portion of their branches. Some are entirely killed but the greater part show some green leaves - and a few have leaves enough to appear green. Some flowers on apricots.

Gooseberry - The old kind, the flowers are dried up or fallen. Mr. S. has a new kind, now in blossom.

Dandelions - many are out, but probably not 1/10 th of the flower buds are open.

Lilacs - flower buds are beginning to open - a few are open.

Syringas & Hawthorns - Show small green flower buds.

Flowering Almond - has a few open blossoms.

Common Cherry - not yet in full bloom.

Violets, appear not only in gardens & fields, but also in the woods.

Peony - has large buds - not red.

Tulips - seem almost ready to blossom - large buds.

Iris, or Dwarf flower de luce has many blossoms.

The Barn Swallow, I think, I saw yesterday, but am not certain. They are never numerous in this village.

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Vegetation April 30 — continued.

Elms are very green — both from seeds & leaves but mostly from the **former**. Some trees, however are green from the leaves only.

Maples — Many have large leaves & are quite green. Those which have blossoms or seeds have much smaller leaves than those which are barren. Red Maples, which are pretty full of red seeds, have quite small leaves as yet, and those reddish. — Some maples, hard & probably others, have but just begun to open their leaves.

Oaks
Chesnuts } These on Round Hill, Mt Holyoke &c, with an intermingling of green from other trees, have a slight tinge of dirty green, or brownish green. The black & yellow oaks are the most advanced — a few are green at some distance. White oaks show very small leaves, & many none at all. Chesnuts vary. some have leaves an inch long or more, and some only buds.

Button Balls — in general have small leaves and a pale green. Some have only buds. Many are yet brown.

Ash Trees — Those having the purple bunches have changed their color; the bunches have opened & extended themselves & are greenish — leaves hardly open. Other ashes are, some green with leaves, and others yet brown.

Mountain Ash is full of leaves; & shows clusters of flower buds.

Sumac has leaves.

Butternuts — are greenish with leaves & catkins.

Trees not yet Green, with or without leaves.

Common Locust — Some have leaves, some not.
Thorny Locust — all have small leaves.
Clammy Locust — " do do — "
Shagbark Walnuts — most have only buds — some have leaves.
Pignuts — have leaves generally.
White Oaks, — most have only buds — some small leaves.
Other Oaks — Some have only buds. Many have leaves.
Chesnuts — Some have leaves; some only buds.

The above eight sorts are not green, but there are some which are greenish, ~~among them. And among trees~~ not green must be included some maples, some ashes, some button balls, a few elms,

Red maples which are full of red winged seeds, & have leaves too small to hide the seeds, make a most brilliant appearance. This refers to seeds of a bright red color. Some are only reddish, or a little red.

Vegetation on Mount Warner, I think, must be more advanced than on Round Hill.

Indian Corn ~~several~~ acres have been planted on uplands within a few days. Not much, if any, in the meadows — The old signs for planting time are present, viz. small white oak leaves or apple blossoms.

April 1844

Tuesday 30 Continued. The Season, &c.

April has been extraordinary for its mildness and pleasantness. Such an April probably does not occur once in 20 years. perhaps not in 40.

Vegetation is more advanced than I recollect at this time of the year; more advanced than I can find on any record relating to this vicinity. Yet both my recollection & the records are very imperfect. I did not attend to such things in former years.

In Hartford, April 30, and May 1, 1842, Vegetation was about the same it is here now — it was a few days earlier there than here. Yet 1842 was a cold, backward season after April was gone; for May & part of June were very unfavorable to vegetation.

The present forwardness of the season does not indicate that it will be more advanced than usual a month hence.

Cows. The drove does not go out till tomorrow; but they might have been out a week or 10 days ago. Mowing, highways, & good pastures have a green & rich appearance.

Winter rye, in some places is 8 inches high — perhaps more.

The Shad Bush continues conspicuous with its white blossoms. It is, I believe the Pyrus Botryapium or as some call it, Aronia Botryapium. It is very abundant in some places.

Wild Cherry also shows white blossoms in racemes — This is one kind. There is more than one species of wild cherry. — The dwarf choke cherry is here — is not the shad bush.

The Grass & grain in the meadows presents a fine green appearance — (winter grain is meant)

May 1849.

Wednesday 1. Very warm day. Much dust. SR 50. 1 PM 77. 9 PM 63

Apple trees have changed very fast — many are considerably white; and very many are green, red & white, from leaves, buds & blossoms.

Other things grow fast.

Went up to Hatfield, Pell. to see S. D. Partridge with Isaac Clark. S. D. P. has long been confined by a wound — now gets about a little on crutches.

Vegetation in Hatfield is about the same as in N.H. They are ploughing, manuring & planting on the plain this side of the village.

Thursday 2. Still warm. Slight shower. 58. 71. 63.

Dandelions are abundant — some places yellow with them.

Flowering Almonds — some are in full blossom.

Apple trees — grow white very fast. Some seem to be in full bloom or near it.

Oaks } Some black oaks & chestnuts have leaves two
Chestnuts } inches long or more; and are considerably green at a distance; but most have smaller leaves, or only buds.

White Oaks — some have leaves an inch long or more but most have smaller leaves, or only buds.

Thornbush — full of white buds almost ready to open.

Coltsfoot — or something similar, with yellow flowers resembling a dandelion, has gone to seed and has white heads like dandelions gone to seed. Near canal.

Pokeroot begins to have open blossoms.

Kingbird } about to-day.
Brown Thrush }

Barn swallows are plenty in the outskirts of the village — not in the more thickly settled parts. They were here as soon as April 30th — and perhaps before.

Friday 3. Foggy & warm in morning.
Preparing for Hartford.

I went to Hartford by stage and boat, May 3. and returned June 6. Sylvester came on from Maine to Boston and New York, and reached Northampton June 5. J. & Hopkins came up to see him and for other purposes.

May 1844.

		Money Account — Left at home May 3.		11 43
May	8	Cr. Clay paid $11.25 and taken his note		
"	9	Deposited three bills in Northampton Bank		
"		Isaac Clark took 21 bushels [corn]	Col. Clark a	9. 25
"	13	received $40 from Mr. in Amherst [credited] and endorsed said bank bill		140
"	24	Mr. Moore paid 25 on his note		25.
		I carried to Hartford		167. 00
June	8	Dr. Wm. Hooker on his note		85. 00
				428 70
		Money paid out.		
May	4	2 Dz of eggs 25. Moving stove 10	35	
"	9	Shoe shop bill paid Hot-river 2	10	
"	13	Bill Sherman 50 Tea 3	53	
"	16	Hoops & Eyes 5, Cotton 3, Ress 5	[illegible]	
"	19	Paid Dress-maker 3 & a dollar 6	1 42	
"	21	Cocoa 8, Cone 1, Soap 14, Heads 6	29	
"	23	Pins & hooks 125,	1. 25	
"	23	Sent Pin $12 by Sarah Clatter	12. 00	
"	24	Paid Washerwoman 50, Ribbon 12½	62½	
	31	Sundries 30	30	
June	1	Paid Prem Mx $2.62 Discount 60	11 42	28. 06.
		Hartford Expenses May 3. to June 6		
		Expenses down — 1.88		
		do up — 1.88		
		Mrs. Colton, board at H. 10.00		
		Washing " 60		
		1/2 Ream Letter paper " 80		
		Letter, soap, paper, Inkstand, " 29		
		15.54	15. 54.	
	7	Veal at 5 cts lb 35c. Fish skin 10c.	45	
	8	Repairing wife's bonnet, Miss Osborn, 75c.	75	
		Comb 6c. Cheese 11c. bowl 6c.	23	
		Crackers 10c. Horse shoe 25c.	35	
	10	Wife's fare to Rail Road 1.00	1. 00.	
"		Wife took for her journey 25.00	25. 00	
"		Paid the washer-woman for cleaning Vest	25	
"		Bread 12c.	12	
"		Paid Isaac Clark's note dated Jan. 2. 1844 92.33	94. 75	138. 44
		Interest to this date 2.42		
				166 50
	11	Balance to new account		262. 20
				$428. 70

May 1844.

Thermometer — observed by Parkman.

		Sunrise.	1 PM.	9 P.M.			At Hartford
Wednesday	1	50	77	63	Fair.	S.W.	
	2	58	71	63	Cloudy.	S.W.	
	3	52	82	54	Fair — Shower PM.		Th. Shower at 4 PM.
	4	51	80	57	Rain ~~at 9 after~~.		Th. Shower at 6 & 9 PM
Sunday	5	49	71	57	Fair		Pleasant.
	6	46	77	59	Fair — Cloudy — Rain.		Fair AM. Cloudy PM. Rain in Evening
	7	49	57	54	Cloudy AM. Fair PM.		Part cloudy, pt. clear.
	8	46	76	64	Cloudy.	S.W.	Cool. do do.
	9	48	64	52	Fair		Pleasant.
	10	40	63	56	Fair mostly. Cloudy pt.		Mostly clear
	11	48	54	55	Rainy.	S.—S.E.	Cloudy. Some rain
Tuesday	12	59	63	50	Fair.	N.W.	Cool. Pleasant
	13	40	63	53	Fair. Cloudy		Some Fair, some cloudy.
	14	49	54	51	Cloudy. Some rain AM.		Cool. Cloudy.
	15	49	68	55	Fair		Mostly Fair.
	16	55	59	59	Cloudy. Little rain AM.		Cloudy & some rain ~~AM~~ Rainy at Night.
	17	57	57	54	Rainy. A & E AM.		Cloudy & some rain AM. Mostly clear PM.
	18	50	52	51	Rain till 10. Cloudy — Fair		Cloudy & some rain AM. Mostly clear. PM.
Sunday	19	47	63	51	Fair.	N.W.	Clear.
	20	51	57	54	Rain AM. Cloudy		Cloudy & rain. Cool.
	21	34	63	42	Cloudy. Fair		Cloudy. Clear. Rain last night.
	22	32	57	42	Frost — Fair.		Frost. clear.
	23	34	69	60	Fair.		Little Frost. clear
	24	46	80	67	Fair & warm.		Clear & warm.
	25	54	86	68	Fair & warmer		Warm. Th. Shower P.M
Sunday	26	50	60	60	Cloudy. some mist.		Cloudy Rain at 7 & after
	27	60	81	62	Cloudy. muggy.		Cloudy pt. Clear pt.
	28	60	81	65	Cloudy, smoky, fair.		Mostly fair
	29	50	73	56	Fair.	N.W.	Fair.
	30	44	74	60	Fair AM. Cloudy PM.		Part clear, part cloudy.
	31	56	70	61	Rain last night & ~~today~~.		Rain last night & today.
		1534	2102	1755			

May has been less pleasant than April, and much cloudy and rainy weather — some of the time vegetation was at a stand, but on the whole, has advanced very much.

At Sunrise $49\frac{15}{31}$
At 1 P.M. $67.\frac{25}{31}$
At 9 P.M. $56.\frac{19}{31}$
} Average $57.^{\circ}\frac{90}{93}$.

May 1844.

Vegetation at Hartford and on the way.

May 3. When I went to Hartford, corn-planting had begun in Northampton meadow & in all the towns below. The season was very little more forward at Springfield and Suffield than at E. Hampton. West and E. Windsor might be a day or two before Northampton

Dandelions & Venus's Pride very common all the way to Springfield

Chestnuts & Oaks down to Suffield much as in N.H. — some with leaves 2½ inches long, & every size from that down to buds — many had only buds.

Chestnut & Oak woods presented only a faint or dirty green and chestnut woods less green still.

Button Balls, Walnuts, &c. as in N.H. Then things a little more advanced in Windsor, and the Apple Trees a little whiter there.

At Hartford

May 4. In the city, vegetation may be 3 or 4 days before N.H.

Apricot blossoms, all fallen.
Peach do. almost all do. must have come out later
Plum do — in various stages, but past the full.
Apples } not far from full blossom.
Crabapples }
Pears }
Quinces — show colored buds.
Currants — past full, some small currants.
Flowering Almonds — full or a little past
Flowering Currants — " or " "
Eng. Cherry — most of blossoms fallen — some remain
Horse chestnuts — in blossom, not full
Lilac — " do — " "
Tulips a few " do. — " ".

Trees almost all green — a few in outskirts of the city not green, viz. some oaks, buttonballs, locust, walnuts, thorny locusts, ashes, & chestnuts in Ch. Grove

Dandelions } Abundant.
Venus Pride }
Mulberries, very small leaves seen.

May 7

Quinces show blossoms
Apple & pear blossoms falling fast — almost all fallen
Peach blows — a few yet seen. [brown some trees]
Snowball — has blossoms, not yet white.
Horse Chestnut — many trees full; many not full.
Eng. Cherries seem half grown on some trees.
Tulips are considerably out.
Peony — not yet open.
Single peony (ladslove leaf) in blossom.
Nearly every thing green — a few trees still excepted.
Poa (grass) one kind has heads out.

May 1844

Vegetation at Hartford

May 9

Blossoms mostly gone from Fruit Trees.
Horse Chestnut } about full blossom.
Lilac. }
Low Buttercups. show blossoms - have been out to 2d day
Charter Oak & others full of catkins.

May 11.

All Trees green - perhaps a few only greenish.
Quince in full blossom
Flower de luce in blossom
Dandelions - many gone to seed.
Hawthorn in blossom.

Lyme is said to be a week or more behind Hartford this year - even behind Northampton. Said to be usually later than Hartford.

May 13

Mountain Ash has white blossoms.
Snow ball " whitish do.
English Grass Poa - one kind has plenty of heads.
Early Grass all out, heads & blossoms.
Low Buttercups, very plenty.
High do do - just begin to blossom
Syringa buds are white.
Lilac }
Horsechestnut } blossoms fading.

May 15

In Market - green currants, rhubarb, radishes, asparagus, lettuce. Some have been in market before to-day.

May 17

Snow Balls, white & full
Syringa begins to blossom.

May 19

Buttercups - low sort make large places yellow.
do. high sort - not generally out.
White Daisy } are open in warm places only - in general
Red clover } not out. The bank S. of late Geo. Goodwin's house is red & white with them - some out there on 17th.
Orchard Grass. Some heads are out.
Yellow Lilly - flowers are open
Peony - a few blossoms open
Elm & Maple seeds are falling
Gardens exhibit many flowers.

May 1844 & June 1844.

Hartford Vegetation — continued

May 31. and June 1.

English Cherries — are turning red on some trees.
Honey Locust — many flowers open.
Syringa — in full flower.
Apples, Peaches } some are ½ inch in diameter
Pears — are still larger.
Horse chesnut burs, are not quite ½ inch in diameter.
Red clover, White clover, High Crowfoot, Oxeyed Daisy } are very plenty in all fields, yet none perhaps are yet full.
Herds Grass — a few tops of heads appear.
Corn in some fields about Hartford is large enough to hoe.
Roses, white, red and yellow, are plenty, and some Gardens are full of flowers.

June 4
English Cherries — many are all red.
Green Peas in the market — probably from New York.

On the Way from Hartford, June 6.

Corn. I could see many men hoeing corn in Windsor meadows; In Springfield and Southfield and Northampton Meadow, almost all the corn was hoed once, that I saw. Some were hoeing.
Broomcorn in N.H. meadows — some of it hoed once perhaps most of it.
Rye all the way 4 or 5 feet high — had attained about its full height and the heads almost their full length. Had not changed color — did not show blossoms.
Oats — generally 6 or 8 inches high.
Potatoes — some hoed once, some just planted.
Briers, Running vines } are full of white blossoms.

Mowings seem almost ready to cut, viz. homelots and richlands — seem nearly the same from Hartford to Northampton — red clover is abundant also much white clover, crowfoot or butter cups, and in some fields, oxeyed daisy. This white weed is more abundant about Hartford than this way.
Herds Grass (and Redtop I suppose) is not yet out — I did not notice any heads.
Strawberries — some are ripe this side of Springfield village.
Things at Hartford & here are nearer alike than I expected. Some things are little forwarder there than here.
English Cherries — some are all red at Hartford & Springfield & Northampton. more of them red at H. than at N.th

May 1844. June 1844.

Northampton Vegetation — from C. P.'s minutes.

May 5. Horse Chestnuts show blossoms.
13 Snowballs in blossom.
14 Flowerdeluce, out.
24 Warm day — Crickets sing.
(See next page)

June 6 and 7 } I find things at Northampton — some as noticed on last page — some as follows.

Snowballs — are all gone.
Syringas — very full, but a little past the fullest.
Yellow Lilly — plenty, but fading.
Tulips — all gone
Peonies — almost all fallen.
Tulip-tree — flowers all out, & fading.
Locust Common — flowers mostly fallen — some left.
do. Clammy or Honey — in blossom — about full.
do. Thorny — flowers, out & many fallen — many buds not open
Cherries English — some red & nearly ripe — many yet green.
Currants — full-grown but not red.
Thimbleberries — half grown, or more.
Horse Chestnuts, not quite ½ inch in diameter
Butternuts — about an inch in length.
Quinces — ½ inch in diameter, or more.
Apples — ½ a in do. or do.
Grass is rank on good lands & much lodged. No mowing done except in dooryards. On uplands as follows
Clover, red — is in full blossom on early lands; in general not quite.
Clover white — about the same.
Crowfoot — a little passed the full — low & high.
Oxeye Daisy — in blossom — very little to be seen about here.
Orchard Grass — in blossom.
Tall Cat Grass — a
2 more tall kinds, heads are out — not in blossom.
English — in various stages; in blossom much of it.
Early Grass — still abundant — past blossoming.
Herds Grass; in two or three places, I observe the tops of heads and a few whole heads — in general no heads to be seen.
Button Balls here, & all the way from Hartford here, have lost a large portion of their leaves — said to be the work of an insect.
My garden. Beans and corn 5 or 6 inches high; cabbages 4 or 5 inches, Beets 3 or 4 inches high. Squashes with leaves 2½ inches wide and of Cucumbers with leaves 1½ inches wide.
Mr Hibben's garden much more forward than mine. He's peas in blossom some days past.
Laurel noticed in Springfield & there in blossom.

This season is now about 10 days earlier than last year — and is earlier than any year for a number of years, except 1840 — is very nearly the same as 1840.

May & June 1844.

Northampton Vegetation in my absence.
Continued from preceding page — from C. Parkman.

Tulips, C. Pearsons May 3, in blossom
Crowfoot " " " " 7 " Do. — (on a warm bank.
Hawthorn " " " 12 " Do. — was out before.
Mt. Ash " " " 12 " Do. —
Quince begun to blossom " 12.
Snowballs have greenish blossoms, May 13.
Flowerdeluce has blossoms " 14
Syringa begins to blossom " 26 or before.
Blackberry flowers are plenty " 26
Peonies show blossoms " 23
Red Clover " do. " 28 (first noticed — out before.
White do very plenty. " 28.
Thimbleberries have flowers " 28. just noticed — out before.
Common Locust " do. " 28 (" " " Do.
Laurel — blossoms noticed June 3.
Oxeyed daisy do — " — June 3. — was out before.

Vegetation in the vicinity of New York, June 4.
(From New York Express.)

Season much more forward than last year.
Oats rank & green — 2 weeks earlier than usual.
Grass luxuriant — some clover almost ready to mow.
Timothy looks well — a week or two earlier than usual.
Cattle were turned out to grass a month earlier than usual.
Rye stalks 5 feet high in some places.
Balls of grain fully formed (what?) Crop promising
Corn planted 2 weeks earlier than usual — plants look finely.
Is fit for first hoeing on high grounds.
Potatoes first planting up — some hoed.
Strawberries are coming into market abundantly
Currants — large enough to be used in pastry.
Fruit trees blossomed earlier than usual. Fruit well set.
Mayduke cherry — the first to ripen, begins to have a tinge of red
All foliage in full vigor.
Peas plenty & in market. Beans up. Other garden plants are coming forward.

[It seems by this that New York is this year little if any more advanced than Hartford, or even Northampton, a few articles excepted.

Vicinity of Richmond, Virginia, May 31.

Harvest has begun (wheat?) earlier than usual. (Some error perhaps
Haying season pretty well entered into.
"Clover and other grasses" injured by drought.
People are hoeing corn, or rather have been. (Seems just hoeing
Green peas plenty.
New potatoes have appeared.
Strawberries are disappearing.

(Another paper (Commerce) says they began to reap wheat in Virginia June 1.
A Richmond paper of June 4. says the farmers have been harvesting wheat for a week

June 1844.

Friday 7th. Considerable rain fell to day. —
I found on my return from Hartford yesterday, that wife was preparing to go to Maine with Sylvester. Sarah Mather had already gone to make a visit at Augusta.

Saturday 8. Took a ride with 3 sons out to the Silk Factory, and round by late Cecil Dwight's, and into the meadow, &c.
Vegetation, I found much as I have noted it on preceding leaf. Corn & brown corn, in the meadow & on the upland, has generally been hoed once. Some corn is 6 inches high or more. Broom corn is small as it always is at this season of the year. The first corn hoeing this year seems to have been the first week or 8 days in June, or from first to 8th. Some pieces not hoed yet.
Chesnut trees are full of aments or catkins, but they are as yet mere buds, not blossoms.
Laurel, both kinds, are in blossom by roadsides.
Angelica is in blossom by " "
Flea-bane, or a white weed in the mowings (smaller flower than the oxeyed daisy) is very plenty here and at Hartford. It is taller than the oxeye.

Houseflies — a few have appeared here & at H.
Horned Bugs — came into my window at H.

Sunday 9. A stranger preached A.M. Mr Wiley P.M.
Hall and Frances and the babe came in after meeting P.M. They were here yesterday also.

Monday 10 Wife and Sylvester started for Augusta this morning at 10 o'clock. Let wife have 25 dollars.
Mowing. Doct. Walker mowed his home lot Saturday and to day.
Blackbirds. The different sorts attracted my attention last Spring. I find there are 4 sorts including bobolinks. viz
1 The common or crow blackbird.
2 The red wing blackbird, — these as well as the preceding come early — have various notes, among others coquelde; some white or whitish on the wings where others are red.
3 The Cow blackbird with brown neck & head — but few seen.
4 The Bobolink which seems to repeat often coquelde, among its jingling notes. Comes the fore part of May.
Kong-quer-ree, according to Nuttall, is one of the sounds of the red wing, and also of the bobolink.

Tuesday 11. Preparing to return to Hartford, with Hopkins.

Rye, some day, is past the flowering state or in that state.
Young robins & chipping birds have left their nests.

June 1844.

Money account. at Northampton.

June 11	Balance of acc.t 4 leaves back	—	262. 20
	Deposited in Bank, May, 9.		511. 00
July	Wife brought home from Augusta	—	1. 00
	Borrowed of C.P. $1.00; of S. Clark 1.00	—	2. 00
			776. 20

Money paid out.

June 11.	Paid Mrs. Shepard, milk bill to this date.	1.	34
11	I took with me $40.25. — —	40.	25
	Put in Northampton Bank	700	00
	Paid Tax Bill for 1844 Town Tax &c.	2	26
	Cheese 24 oz, 3 eggs 2		26
13	Bread and Cookies 24. strawberries 2		1½
22	Crackers and Bread 20 Butter 16		36
26	Postage (stamps) 2. Bread 6 Butter 22	2	82
July 1	Bread and Crackers 12½ Letter 7		19½
8	15 Berries 6. Potatoes 12 Bread 12½		30½
	24 Postage (bill) 64½ Washwoman 81	1.	45½
	29 Corn & Potatoes 18½. Berries 14		32½
Aug	4 Washwoman 50 Dressmaker 17		67
	Bread 12½. Letter 7. Apples 6¼		25¾
	10 Bread 6¼. Bread, berries, &c (broom) 1.78.	1.	84
Sept	— Wife, stage fare to & from Greenfield	2.	00
	Notition 25. postage (in new mail) 50	0.	75
Sept. 9 to 14	Washwoman 5 times to Oct 14 inclusive,	2	50
		776.	20

Of the 25 dollars which wife had for Augusta, she expended in going & coming — — 16.00.
She left for a shawl for Penamah — — 8.00
She brought home — — — — 1.00
$25.00

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Money account at Hartford

June	11	Carried to Hartford	40.	25
June		Rec'd of J. R. Cooke, Esq. Boston, for information about the Cooks	10.	00
June	28	Rec'd of Ezra Smith, Esq. Hartford for indexing 14 volumes in Statutes	30.	00
Sept.	12	Rec'd of son J. W. for my Rail Road dividend due in July.	30.	00
Oct.	18	Rec'd at the Phoenix Bank on Note against Luther Smith, due Oct 1-4.	166.	34
			$ 276.	59

There was due on Note Aug. 16. 1843.	$ 154.86
Expense of notifying indorsers.	75
Interest Aug. 16. 1843 to June 1. 1844.	7. 39
Interest June 1. 1844 to Oct 1. 1844.	3. 34
	166. 34

Expenses.

Mrs. E. H. Cotton's bill board from May 3 to Oct. 19. 24 weeks + 2 days @ $2.50.	$ 60. 70		
Deduct $10 paid her before June 6. (subject)			
" 4. 14. for my washing bill.			
" 1. 79 for my 5 days absence when I came home in June.	15. 93	44.	77
Add to her bill (I stayed longer, oil, &c)		2.	00
A pamphlet (History of Goshen) of Mr. Cotton.			23
Paid Mrs. Drake for washing since June 11. including 25 cents for pantaloons + mending		1	14
Postage + paper 42c. mending shoes 13cts			55
Ring for Hall's boy 20c. fruit 8c			28
Expenses going down in June		1.	88
do coming up in October		2.	12
		55.	97
June 29 Paid for Isaac Clark	5. 48 (credited)		
June 14 Paid expense on L. Smith's note, 75 (repaid)		6.	23
2 Manuscript books 56c + 44c		1.	00
Centennial Address at Farmington			32

Oct.	Thread + tape 1. 00. 2 towels 20.		1. 20		
	4 yds red flannel for Hall's boy		1 67		
	7 " Flannel for wife @ 50c.		3. 50		
	10 " White Cotton @ 12½.		1. 25		
	Sweet Potatoes		25		
			7. 87	7.	87
Oct.	22 Brought home from Hartford			205.	20
				$ 276	59

June to October, 1844.

June		Thermometer, observed by Parkman Sunrise,	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		At Hartford
Saturday	1	48	71	62	Fair, N.W. & S.	Clear.
Sunday	2	58	70	58	Cloudy, S.W. & W.	Cloudy,
	3	52	73	54	Cloudy, N.	pt clear pt cloudy
	4	42	70	53	Fair. N.E.	Clear
	5	52	76	60	F. & Cloudy, N.E. S.W.	mostly clear
	6	50	78	60	F. & Cloudy N.E. S.W.	Clear & Cloudy
	7	60	77	63	Rainy. S.E. S.W.	
	8	50	66	52	Fair. N.W.	
Sunday	9	52	60	65	Cloudy. S.E.	
	10	56	68	52	Fair. N.W.	
	11	43	66	53	Fair. N.W.	
	12	40	67	58	Fair. N.E. & S.E.	Clear frost little,
	13	52	75	56	Fair S.W. S.	Clear, mostly.
	14	54	68	55	Showers P.M. N.E.	Cloudy. Some rain
	15	54	76	54	Fair. N.E. S.W.S.	Clear.
Sunday	16	44	84	59	Fair, Hot. S.	Clear
	17	46	83	63	Cloudy, mostly. S.E.	Cloudy. little rain
	18	63	78	70	F. & Cloudy. warm. S.E.	Cloudy & Clear
	19	67	88	67	Cl. & F. Showers S.W.	Clear & Cloudy Th Showers distant
	20	65	83	67	Fair S.W.	Clear. mostly
	21	62	77	65	Fair. N.E.	do. do.
	22	60	64	60	Rainy. N.E.	Rain A.M. Cloudy P.M.
Sunday	23	56	76	63	Fair. N.W.	Clear.
	24	53	82	71	Fair. S.E. S.W.	Clear. warm.
	25	65	90	71	Fair S.W.	Clear. do.
	26	67	90	73	Fair, Hot. S.W.	Do do.
	27	69	89	73	F. & C. Rain S.E.	mostly do do.
	28	71	86	67	Fair. N.W.	Clear Do
	29	57	77	58	Fair N.W.	Clear.
Sunday	30	52	78	61	Fair. S.E.	Clear.
July						
Monday	1	60	69	70	Cloudy. Showers. S.	Cloudy
	2	61	79	67	Fair. N.W.	Clear
	3	64	81	63	Fair. N.W.	Rain last night Clear.
	4	50	65	52	Fair. N.W.	Clear
	5	42	71	62	Fair. S.E. S.W.	Clear & Cloudy
	6	62	82	74	Fair. Hot. W.	Clear. Rain in Evening
Sunday	7	57	78	66	Fair. N.W.	Clear.
	8	48	78	61	Fair. S.E. N.W.	Clear
	9	50	83	72	Fair. S.W.	Clear
	10	68	75	67	Cloudy. Rain in Eve. S.W.	Cloudy & Clear Showers in eve.
	11	63	76	66	Cloudy. Rain. S.W.	Cloudy. Showers
	12	63	75	64	Cloudy. N. & N.W.	½ Clear. ½ Cloudy.
	13	62	80	70	Cloudy, S. S.E.	Cloudy. Some Rain.
Sunday	14	66	92	65	Variable. hot. S.E.	Clear & cloudy. Showers
	15	65	83	66	Variable, S.W.	Clear A.M. Cloudy P.M
	16	61	62	61	Rainy. S.E. N.E.	Heavy Rain
	17	54	85	70	Fair N.W.	Clear.
	18	54	79	67	Fair S.W.	Clear
	19	60	86	70	Cloudy. Rain S.E. S.W.	Heavy rain at sunset & evening
	20	68	72	68	Rainy. S.E.	Much Rain
Sunday	21	59	80	67	Fair. N.W.	Clear.

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Thermometer — continued.

		Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
July	22	54	84.	72.	Fair. S.W.	pr clear. pt Cloudy
	23	62	85.	69	Cloudy. S.W.	" " " "
	24	66	79	70.	Variable: Shower. S.E.	" " " "
	25	62.	66	60	Some rain, N.E	Rainy in pt.
	26	58	80	62	Cloudy & F. E.	Clear
	27	49	75	63	Fair. N.E: S.W.	Clear.
Sunday	28	58	76.	66	Fair. N.E: S.W.	Clear.
	29	56	81.	66	Fair. S.E. S.W.	Clear.
	30	60	80.	70.	Variable. S.W.	Clear mostly
	31	65.	66.	64.	Rainy S.E & S.	Rainy.
August						
	1.	66.	80.	72.	Cloudy A.M. Fair P.M. S.E.	pr clear: pt Cloudy
	2	67	87	70	Variable. hot. S—S.W.	mostly Clear.
	3	65.	87.	70.	Fair & Cloudy. Rain. S.W.	pr Clear. Shower
Sunday	4	68.	82.	63.	Fair N.W.	mostly Clear. Little Rain
	5	52.	70.	56.	Fair. N.W	Clear
	6	52.	72.	64.	Fair 1/3 cloudy 2/3. S.W.	Rain P.M.
	7	60.	88	64.	Fair S.W.	Clear. warm
	8	58	84	69	Fair S.	Clear. do
	9	60	85.	78	Fair. S.W.	Clear do
	10	72.	88.	69	Fair, haze W.	Clear. Cloudy Shower at 6½
Sunday	11	53.	73.	60	Fair N.W	Clear
	12	48	78.	55	Fair. N.E.	Clear
	13	45.	75.	60	Fair. N.E	Clear
	14	54	78.	61.	Fair &c.	Cloudy. Heavy Shower at 4
	15	58.	74.	64	Fair. S.E.	Clear
	16	60.	79	68	Fair. S.E.	Clear
	17	62.	80.	70	Fair. N.W; S.E	Clear
Sunday	18	56.	83.	61	Fair. N.E.	Clear
Monday	19	60.	74.	69.	Cloudy S.W.	Cloudy
	20	66.	94.	67.	Variable, S.W. S.E.	Thunder Shower last night pr clear. pt cloudy
	21	61.	71.	58	Fair. N.E. S.E.	Fair
	22	48.	72.	59	Cloudy. Rain Evening, N.E.	Cloudy Rain in Evening
	23	59.	73.	67	Cloudy. Rain last night. N.E.	Cloudy A.M. Clear P.M.
	24	64.	78	66	Fair. S.E.	Clear.
Sunday	25	62.	75.	58	Cloudy, mostly, S.E.	½ clear ½ cloudy distant thunder
	26	52.	78	62.	Fair. S.W. S.E.	mostly clear
	27	52	76	60	Variable. Shower. P.M. S.E.	mostly clear.
	28	59.	74.	58.	Variable S.W.	Rain last night
	29	50.	76.	59	Variable. W	Cloudy, some rain mostly clear.
	30	53.	82.	63	Fair. N.W.	" do.
	31	54.	73.	64.	Variable. S.	Clear A.M. Cloudy P.M.

June to October. 1844.

September.	Thermometer — continued. Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	N.H.		At Hartford
Sunday 1	62.	76.	64.	Cloudy	N.E.	Some Rain
2	62.	79	68	Cloudy	S.	mostly Cloudy
3	66	77	62	Fair	N.W	Rain last night mostly Fair
4	48	76	61	Fair	N.W	Clear
5	46	68.	54	Fair	N.E. N.W.	clear
6	44.	69.	54.	Fair	N.E. S.W.	Clear
7	44	72.	55	Fair	N.E. S.W	clear
Sunday 8	46.	79	59	Fair	N.E. S.E.	Clear.
9	52.	77.	62.	Fair, &c	S.E.	Clear. 3 halos.
10	55.	82.	62.	Fair	S.E	Clear
11	56.	82.	69.	Fair	S.E	Clear
12	—	—	—	Fair		Cloudy
13	—	—	—	Variable		Clear
14	—	—	—	Fair	N.E.	Clear
Sunday 15	—	—	—	Fair	N.E	Clear
16	—	80		Fair	Warm	clear
17	—	—	—	Fair	N.W. do	clear
18	—	—	63	Fair	N.W.	Clear
19	48	78.	60	Fair	S	Clear
20	48.	80	67	Fair.	S.E.	Clear
21	59	80.	66	Fair	S.W.	Clear
Sunday 22	56.	64.	44	Fair.	N.W. N.	Clear. Wind last night. becomes cool
23	36.	58.	45	Fair. Frost.	N.E	Fair. Frost
24	35.	65.	58.	Fair. Frost.	S.E.	Clear.
25	53	62.	58	Rainy.	S.	Rainy
26	48	56	44.	Cloudy A.M. Fair P.M.	N.E.	Cloudy Clear
27	32.	57	39.	Fair. Hard frost.	N.W.	Clear.
28	30.	57	44.	Fair & Cloudy.	N.E.	Clear A.M. Cloudy P.M.
Sunday 29	42.	45	40.	Rainy	N.E.	Rainy
30	45.	64	50.	Fair	N.W.	Clear

Dahlias (a tender plant) were killed about Boston (but not in Boston) Sept. 28. Probably the same at N.H. & 27 though there was frost here Sept. 23 & 24.

Frosts that kill tender plants usually occur here sooner than they do at Cambridge. In 1843 dahlias were not killed at Cambridge till Oct. 15, but there was severe frost here Sept. 28. In 1842, dahlias killed at Cambridge Oct. 21; here was hard frost Sept. 24 — In 1841, dahlias killed at Cambridge Oct. 21; there was no killing here till the same day.

June to October. 1844.

October		Thermometer. at N. H. Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		Hartford
Tuesday	1.	30	55.	37.	Fair. N.W.—N.E.	Fair
	2	28	63	50	Fair. S.E. S.W.	Fair
	3	45	64.	54	Cloudy. S.E. S.	Clear A.M. Cloudy P.M.
	4	54	68	48	Rain. some. N.E.	Rain.
	5	45	60.	52.	Fair & Cloudy S.W. N.W.	Clear mostly.
Sunday	6	40.	60.	48	Cloudy. N. &c.	Cloudy
	7	44.	61.	42.	Cloudy. N. &c.	Rain last night Cloudy
	8	37	55.	41	Fair 2/3. N.W.	mostly clear
	9	37.	67	41	Fair. W. S.W.	do do
	10	37	71.	59.	Fair. S.E.—S.W.	do do
	11	44.	53.	37	Cloudy. N.E	do Cloudy
	12	32	53.	36	Fair. N.E. S.	Clear
Sunday	13.	28.	58.	50.	Fair. &c. S.	Clear A.M. Cloudy P.M.
	14	41	53	49.	Rain. Cloudy. S.	Cloudy
	15	34	55.	50.	Rainy S.	Rain
	16	47	61.	49	Cloudy. W. S.W.	mostly Clear
	17	37	55.	50	Cloudy. S.W.	pr clear. pr cloudy
	18	54	68.	61.	Rain S.	Rainy
	19	60	58.	46	last night rain and wind. Fair.	Rain last night & quite windy. mostly clear today
Sunday	20.	35	52.	32.	Fair. N.W.	mostly Clear
	21	25.	51.	43	Fair & Cloudy N.E. S.E.	Cloudy
	22	42.	57	49.	Fair. N.	I came home.
	23.	33.	59	42.	Fair. N.E. E.—S.	Pleasant day.
	24	32.	59.	43.	Fair. S.W.	Pleasant day.
	25	40.	60.	50.	Fair. S.	Pleasant day
	26	50	63.	53	Fair. S.E. S.W.	Some haze & smoke
Sunday	27	50	52	45	Rainy morning — cloudy day.	
	28	38	36.	35.	Cloudy. N.E.	cold & unpleasant
	29	39	45	45	Rainy last night & to-day.	
	30	47	41	37	Cloudy. S.W.	unpleasant.
	31	37	46	35	Cloudy A.M. Clear. P.M.	

Oct. 11. Great Whig mass meeting at Hartford.

24. The season has been considered a dry one; the quantity of rain fallen is less than usual but crops have not suffered very much. The Connecticut has been very low — never lower it is said — but recent rains have made it quite high; they have not produced much overflowing however.

Oct. 31 This month has been about as mild as usual, but has had many rainy or cloudy days. There has been but little hard freezing. — There has been no Indian Summer in October. The month has been much more unpleasant than last year.

Oct 28. Monday. There was a snowstorm in Western New York, Canada, &c. A foot of snow fell in Rochester, and sleighs were out in Montreal. No snow about here. A foot of snow at Buffalo.

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Vegetables at Hartford. (those raised in Connecticut are meant — not those brought from New York — the earliest come from East Hartford and Rocky Hill.)

June 12. English Cherries for sale — plenty
Strawberries — for sale.
14 Turnips — " " small. Rocky Hill
17 Turnips, Peas, & strawberries, plenty.
24. New Potatoes, from E. Hartford
Cucumbers — a few.
Turnips — quite large.
Haying this week — more or less. June 24–30
28 New Potatoes at 6/. bushel.
Herdsgrass in blossom
Ray grass (or something like it). in blossom
Chestnut trees, whitish yet
July 1. String beans in market for dinner.
Squashes — in market.
Raspberries " do.
Small Cabbages do.
Oats headed out
Rye looks whitish at a distance
Corn 2 feet high — some more — some less
Whortleberries — the early blue ones.
8 Running Berries in market.
Green Grapes — do
Green Corn — — do. from E. Hartford
Harvesting begun — — a little last week
17 Shelled Beans for sale
21 Locusts noisy on the trees — began about 16th.
Katydids began about same time — some nearly as 12.
were plenty about the skirts of the low lands, and especially about Little River, from middle of July to about first of October. — not many after the frost of Sept. 27. — were not plenty till latter part of July.
July 13 Apples, new & old in market
Pears, new, small. do.

At Northampton. — from C. Parkman

June 16 Lime tree in blossom, on Bright's place.
23 White & Tiger Lilly began to blossom
25 Strawberries for sale.
July 2 Herdsgrass shows blossoms
6 Thimbleberries & red raspberries ripe
11 Black running berries for sale.
12 Much Hay cleared.
12 Harvesting of Rye began about this time.
20 Poke Root in blossom
23 Canada Thistle in Blossom
Sept 14 Witch Hazel in Blossom —

June to October 1844.

Wheat Harvest.

In Miami Valley, Ohio, Rye cut from June 10 to 17.
In do — do — " Wheat " " " 17 to 24 } + Natio.
Cincinnati Paper.

Cargo of new Wheat from North Carolina reached Baltimore June 26.

{ Another account from Ohio says —
Harvesting in central Ohio began 1st week in July
do — in Virginia Valley (about Staunton &c) same time
do — about Rochester, Monroe County N.Y. was from July 8 to 20 — began generally in Western N. York from July 8 to 15th — said to be 2 weeks earlier than usual.

Autumnal Leaves.

The Frost came at Hartford & here, Sept 23 & 24. Killed some tender plants, as squash vines, &c. & more severe frost Sept. 27.

I observed about the first of October that Maple leaves and some other had changed color in and about Hartford; the change increased until I came away. The blow of the night of Oct. 19. took many leaves from the trees, & many had fallen before.

Oct. 22. When I came up, the leaves of the Oaks presented a variety of hues, yet they had faded & lost some of their brightness — & many leaves quite brown and all shades from that to a dull or brick red. Some greenish leaves on some forest trees. But few evergreens appear about Hartford, or between there and Springfield.

Oct 25. Since my return, I notice many green leaves on fruit trees, but some apple trees are brown and some have lost their leaves. Peach and quince trees retain more green leaves than apple and cherry trees. Lilacs and willows are green and some bullow wood trees. Elms & maples have generally shed their leaves. English elms retain their leaves, & a few hard maples have yellow leaves on the lower part of the trees.

There were more leaves on the trees Nov 1. last year than there are now; and more green leaves on fruit trees, &c. The leaves came but earlier in 1844 than in 1843, and faded earlier.

Nov 1. Green leaves continue on willows, lilacs, peach and quince trees; on some bullow wood trees, &c. Of forest trees, many oaks retain their brown or reddish brown leaves; & some walnuts have brown leaves. — Hackmatacks are yellow, pale & fading. Apple trees, some are green, some brown, & many without leaves. English Oaks on Round Hill are reddish brown like the American or less red. Some foreign oaks in Bright's (late Bowers) garden are yet green. English Elms, hawthorn & silver maple (all exotics) have both green & yellow leaves.

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	Money Matters	Receipts.	
Oct. 24.	On Hand, brought from Hartford see 4 leaves back		205.20
"	Dividend on 15 shares at Greenfield Bank		60.00
"	Dividend on 10 shares, N. H. Bank		35.00
24	Dr. Wm. Hooker paid on his note		36.00
			$336.20

	Expenditures -				
Oct. 24	Bill at Post office (besides postage) paid in the new mail	2.	12		
"	Debt to Collins (for sugar) (6 P. to credit)	1.	00		
"	" to Stoddard & Lathrop (wife took it up)	1.	08		
"	Flannel 1½ yards for E. P. @ 52c	"	78		
"	Paid Parkman for money borrowed	1.	00		
"	Deposited in Bank	270.	00		
25	Paid Thayer for meat, cheese &c. on his book	1.	94		
26	Paid Mrs. Shepard for Milk from June 11 to this day (not inclusive) 186 pints at 2 Cents	3.	72		
"	Bread and Graham Crackers	0.	13		
"	Apples 6c. Comb 5c. Washing Oct-28. 50.	"	61		
30	Paid brother Parsons for his bill since May 1. 1844 - viz. 36½ lbs. butter at 14 cts. (5 cents out) $5.06; 2 bushels potatoes (1 peck was 12½) 0.70	5.	76		
31.	2 loaves bread 12c. Letter from N. York 7c	0.	19		
	12¼ lbs Graham flour @ 3c	"	37		
Nov. 1.	Candy &c. for wife 4c. Yeast 2c.	"	6		
	Post office bill for October 21 cts.	"	21		
5	Cheese 3 lbs. 21 cts; Isinglass or fishskin 10c.	"	31		
6	Cloth for wife's shoes 12½ cts. Pork 19c	"	32		
7.	3 lbs. Butter 42c. 2 loaves bread 12	"	54	290.	14
7	Lent brother Parsons and took his note - $100. from money in Bank				
9	Lent Elisha Graves $170 from money in Bank - + took his note. (+30 from Mrs.)	Paid.			
9	Mending wife's breast pin 25c; " sugar pail 9c. Postage 7c		91		
11	Washwoman 50c				
12	paid John Clark for 6 bbl best flour $5.50 (Deduct for last barrel being poor. 50)	5.	00		
13	Recording Hunt's possession 12 cts		12		
14	Eggs 17c. Cheese 34 cents; Snuff &c. 12c		63		
	Making wife's cloth shoes (E. Slate) 50		50		
	Bread 12c. Paid Forbes for advice 1.00	1.	12		
16	Wife had $1.10. 1 paper Pins 10c	1.	20		
18	Paid Coats for sawing 3 7/8 cords at 4/	2.	58	12	06
20	Balance to new account			34.	00
				$336	20

October —— 1844

Oct 22. I returned from Hartford this day; having been absent ever since May 3, except a short visit I made at home June 6 to 11. I labored some weeks for the State for Connecticut in making indexes to volumes in the state house, but on the whole, I spent more time in my own researches than I did for them.

Miller Excitement. Those who were expecting the end of the world had fixed upon this day, Oct. 22d as the time of the grand catastrophe; & have been in a state bordering on phrenzy for some time past. There is a considerable number in Hartford, and many in other towns, but not one in Northampton to my knowledge. They are generally honest, conscientious people, & some do not lack intelligence.

Oct. 23. I went about the village some; my friend Isaac Clark is very sick; Chauncey Clark & wife came up from Boston to day. —— The recent fires in this place have produced much excitement and consternation. They remain a mystery. A large watch is out every night.

Oct. 24. Went into South Meadow with Chauncey Clark. The crops are gathered — some corn that was cut up & puttin bunches remains. At midday, in the meadow, grasshoppers & crickets were plenty, & their music was still heard.

Oct 25 A third pleasant day — morning's rather foggy. More fog here probably than at Hartford. I weighed 165 lbs at Hartford about a month since; and I weighed here Oct. 23d 166 pounds. I have not weighed more than this for 10 years past, & do not know that I ever exceeded 169 or 170. — My old heart complaint is however more troublesome that it was before I was sick last year — more so than it was when I was leaner.

Oct. 26. Day not unpleasant — but some smoke & haze. Cousin Samuel Edwards brought me 9 bushels of Apples. [5 Gal. Vinegar some days after — also 1 bush Turnips some quinces. Settled.]

Oct 27 Sunday. Went to Edwards Church, Ann & Nephew George Lyman preached there. Went to Old Church P.M. Somebody preached on the Sabbath. — Both congregations thin.

Oct 28. Monday. Cold, disagreeable day. I watched with Isaac Clark at night.

Oct. 29 Tuesday. Began to rain last night & rained most of the day. I slept in the forenoon.

Oct. 30. Wrote two letters — to Chauncey Clark & Rev. J. Clark in regard to Isaac.

Oct 31. Wrote to Josiah P. Cooke, Esq. Boston. Double letter. (began 28th)

October 1844

October. 24 to 31. **Crops.**

Indian corn — a good crop, & fully ripe, generally.
Broom corn — much raised this year — was not hurt by frost — a good yield — much seed ripe. A great deal of broom corn is raised in Ohio and some of it is brought to this state.
Tobacco — several persons have been raising tobacco this season — H. K. Starkweather, Mr. Damon, &c.
Potatoes — there has not been so small a crop for many years; a large portion rotted in the ground, & many that were dug rotted in the cellar, viz. those that were dug early. The cause is unknown. The potatoe crop was affected in the same manner in most of the northern States.
Rye was as good as usual — or perhaps better. Some Wheat.
Hay — Good crop generally.
Oats — Crop not very good — worth 33 cents bushel.
Apples are tolerably plenty — said to be scarce in some of the hill-towns. — are worth 2/. to 3/. a bushel here.
Quinces as usual — worth about 9/. Peaches, few or none.
Pumpkins are plenty.
Walnuts & Chesnuts, as usual.

That part of the meadow that was covered with sand last year yielded much more grass than last year, but much of it is yet in a barren state, or only partially recovered from barrenness.
Broom corn is said to be worth from 5 to 6 cents, but not much has been sold — put up none over 5 cents.
Cattle feeders give about 4 dollars a hundred for good cattle, and $4.50 for some of the best, or those called extra.

Flour has advanced in N. York, &c, since the first of October about 50 cents a barrel, or from $4.31 to $4.81.
Cheese, good, brings about 6 cents here; in the cities from 5 to 6 cents. Some sells for less. Large dairies of best cheese bring more, but the price is low.
Pork, Western, sells in the cities from 7 to 10$ per barrel.
Beef, new, sells in the cities from 4 to 6$ per barrel. Old is still lower.
Beef at Brighton, for eating fresh, ranges from $2.75 to 4.75 per 100 lbs — or mostly 3.50 to 4.50.
Beef at Brighton for barreling — price not fixed.
Meats are very low — quite too low for farmers.
Nov. 4. Barreling beef at Brighton $2.50 to 3.25, per hundred.

Cotton, perhaps was never lower — 4½ to 9 cents per pound.

November, 1844.

		Thermometer. Sunrise.	10 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Friday	1.	26	48	35.	Fair & pleasant.	N.W. S.E.
	2	32	56.	40	do do.	N.W.
Sunday	3	29	52.	47	Fair mostly, Cloudy at sunset.	S.
	4	46.	47	44	Cloudy - little rain	N.E.
	5	41	49.	42	Cloudy A.M. Clear P.M. Rain in evening	N.E. N.W.
	6	38	40	36	1/2 cloudy or more. Cold, windy, day.	N.W.
	7	31	53.	38	mostly pleasant - some smoke!	Wind Southerly
	8	36	56	42	Pleasant - - - some smoke.	N.W.
	9	28	53	41.	Pleasant - little. do -	Southerly
Sunday	10	26	49	46.	pt. Pleasant; some cloudy; no smoke.	S.
	11	38	52	45	Cloudy. Thunder Shower A.M.	N.E.
	12	46	47	46	Cloudy, & some rain.	East & S.E.
	13	52	45.	34.	Cloudy, a little drizzle	N.W.
	14	32	41	32.	Fair. Pleasant	N.W.
	15	22	46	37	Fair. Pleasant.	S.W.
	16	26	50.	34.	Fair - do	S.E. & S.W.
Sunday	17	26.	50.	46.	Cloudy -	N.E.
	18	44.	40	32.	Cloudy -	N.W.
	19	21	38	26	Clear & cold.	N.W.
	20	24	42	26	Cloudy mostly; clear pt.	S.W - W
	21	17	46.	38	Fair - Evening hazy & halo -	S. &c
	22	37	42	40.	Cloudy. misty & some rain.	N.E.
	23	41	49.	40	Rainy. Clear after 4 P.M.	S.W. S.
Sunday	24	34	38	30.	Fair - cold. Eclipse in Evening.	N.W.
	25	22	30	21	Fair - cold. Windy.	N.W.
	26	15.	26.	30.	Cloudy. some flakes of snow.	N.W - E.
	27	30	32.	18	Clear. cold	N.W.
	28	16	19	16	Snowy day. 4 inches.	N.E.
	29	20	37	14	Cloudy mostly. Sleighing.	N.E. N.
	30	0	28.	30.	Fair A.M. Cloudy towards night.	Southerly

November has been a mild month, except some of the latter part. The Fall, on the whole, has been unusually pleasant, or at least, as mild as most autumns.
There has been properly no Indian Summer; but there were a few warm days, the early part of November, and a little smoke.

The Canal has been frozen some days (before Dec. 1.)
The River is said to be still open, Dec. 1 — not for navigation — but it cannot be crossed on the ice.

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Nov 1. & 2. These were pleasant days, and the 2 was some smoky, but not an Indian Summer day.

Foliage. I walked out to see Hall & his family, Nov. 2. Trees are most of them destitute of leaves; more so out of the village than in it. Many of the oaks have lost their leaves; some oaks have leaves of a bright brick red, Hackmatacks are of a dirty yellow color, or brown, many of their leaves fallen. Evergreens are conspicuous, and very little green besides them is to be seen towards the Silk Factory, except grass.

Willows of some kinds retain their green leaves more than any other trees; it was the same last year. I refer to those in or near the village.

Lilacs & peach trees are next to willows; next are quince trees, some apple trees, some buttonwoods. Hawthorn, English elms, oaks in Mr Knight's garden, silver maple have green & yellow leaves.

English cherries retain some leaves not many.

Small Apricots have green leaves.

Thimble berry & Rasebushes have green leaves.

Beet leaves in the garden not yet killed by frost.

Birds - have almost all disappeared. The noisy blue jays & some small birds are all that I notice between the village and Silk Factory.

Wild Geese were passing to the south 5 or 6 days ago.

Lombardy poplars retain their leaves, yellow & green. But few of these trees remain; they were fashionable from 25 to 30 years ago, but are now despised.

Berries are noticed on Black Alders, false Bitter sweet, Hawthorn, Thornbush, &c.

Sunday 3. Falls heard this morning. Morning foggy. Some smoke. Fair, & cloudy evening. Nephew George Lyman preached A.M. & P.M. in the old Meeting House.

Monday 4 Cloudy & some rain. All the talk abroad is about politics: the whigs & abolitionists have great contention in this State.

Tuesday 5. News that Pennsylvania has gone for the locos (Polk, &c.) makes long faces among the whigs. — I do not intend to trouble myself about the result; shall neither rejoice nor weep at the election of Clay or Polk.

Wednesday 6. Wrote again to Rev. Josiah Clark and Chauncey Clark about Isaac Clark, who is slowly recovering.

Thursday 7. Mr. & Mrs. Birge, parents of Hall's wife, made us a visit to day, with Hall & Francis & babe. Mr Birge lives in Colebrook, Con. Lent 100 dollars to brother Parsons.

Friday 8. I went out to Hall's & took dinner there. The Whigs are greatly disappointed at the result of the presidential election. Mr. Polk will undoubtedly be chosen.

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Nov. 9. Saturday. Weather continues mild & pleasant as it has been most of the time since November commenced. Some smoke rests on the hills or appears to, but the atmosphere is not smoky; the sun is not obscured at all, but shines brightly. Some may call this Indian summer, but it is not like the Indian summer of former days. It is pleasant weather — that is all.

Crows are very noisy this morning. Lent E. Graves 170 dollars.

Leaves of deciduous trees are almost all fallen; in the forests little besides evergreens can be seen. A few oaks retain their leaves. Willows are yet greenish or green — and some green leaves remain on some lilacs & fruit trees.

Sunday 10. Another mild day — little or no smoke
Pres. Allen preached A.M. & P.M. —

Monday 11. About 12 o'clock last night, there was a heavy clap of thunder, and a little rain — clear soon after. A thunder shower at 1 P.M. and after to-day. The Democrats fired cannon & rung bells (very foolishly) on account of Polk's success, and we had about 1 o'clock & after thunder above and thunder below.
I voted for those on the Liberty Ticket, so called. The Whigs had a great vote.

Tuesday 12. The Whigs have carried the State, having outnumbered both Locos and 3 party, by some thousands.

Wednesday 13. Ebenezer Hunt of Cummington here. I had sued him for possession of his farm, under his mortgage. $9.23 cost had been made. He gave possession to day by writing & the suit is discontinued. I gave him till March 1. 1845. to get security for the interest one year; he is also to pay taxes. He gave me his note $9.23. for the cost. I have not paid Huntington. Huntington (who had the charge of the business) has the note.

C. Parkman called the note in August last $730.50. and nearly interest $43.83.

Thursday 14. Paid Forbes 1 dollar for advice in regard to possession of lands.

Friday 15. Sister Smith, Pliny & Aphia came & staid over night. Parkman & I had a walk towards night — The willow leaves have not yet fallen — are a yellowish green; almost all the leaves of other deciduous trees have fallen.

Saturday 16. Wrote to Mr. Rice of Springfield, Register of Deeds, and enclosed him a dollar. Sent me by Josiah P. Cooke, Esq. Boston, to procure a copy of Aaron Cook's will, 1690. for J.P.C.

Sunday 17. Mr. Wiley preached A.M. Mr. Allen P.M.

Monday 18. } Wrote a letter to Peninnah at Augusta
Tuesday 19 } Wrote to Rev. Josiah Clark & Chauncey Clark about Isaac, who is not so well. I watched with him Monday night.

Bro. Parsons here at Court, & George Smith.

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Wednesday 20. Wrote to Asher Clark, Baltimore, in regard to Isaac.
Brother Parsons & wife here.

Thursday 21. } Wrote to daughter in law, Elizabeth Judd
Friday 22. } at New York.

Saturday 23. Wrote to Mr Henry Stevens Jr. To the care of Mr. N. D. Hubbard, No 4 Court Street, Boston.

Sunday 24. Mr. Fowler preached A.M. & P.M.
Eclipse of the moon in the evening.

Monday 25. Wrote to Chauncey Clark about Isaac.
26 " to Rev. Josiah Clark " "
27 Cooking Stove brought in & set a going.

Thursday 28 Thanksgiving. A cold, snowy day.
Hall came in on foot before the snow.
We had at Dinner myself, wife, Parkman & Hall.
I did not attend meeting.
Snow fell about 4 inches deep — first this season, except a few flakes. Sleighbells heard.

Friday 29. Winter weather, with many sleighs.
Wrote to Asher Clark, Baltimore, about Isaac.

Saturday 30. Thermometer down to zero — very uncommon in November — has not occurred before since I have kept a thermometer — was down to 4° above zero Nov. 25. 1838 — that was considered remarkable.

Boston Temperature.

Temperature of Boston compared with that of Cambridge & Dorchester.

The nights are 6 degrees warmer in Boston than in C. & D. — more than that in calm clear nights & less in windy nights. C. & D. are the warmest the hottest part of the day, especially in summer; and the annual temperature of Boston is only 3 degrees higher than that of C. and D.

Dahlias have been generally cultivated in & about Boston 14 years or thereabouts. For 12 years they have been killed by frost as follows

1833	Oct 5 in C. & D.	Oct. 29 in B.	1839	Oct 5 in C. & D.	Oct. 21 in B.
1834	Sept 30 " "	Oct. 15 in "	1840	Oct 16 " "	Oct. 27 " "
1835	Nov 1 " "	Nov 13 in "	1841	Oct 2 " "	Oct 26 " "
1836	Sept 29 " "	Oct 22 in "	1842	Oct 21 " "	Oct. 31 " "
1837	Oct 4 " "	Oct 14 in "	1843	Oct 15 " "	Nov. 1 " "
1838	Oct 9 " "	Oct. 30 in "	1844	Sept 28 " "	Nov. 19 " "

(Transcript)

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Money Matters.

Nov.	20.	On Hand (see 4 leaves back)	34.	00.
Dec	11	Money of Hall for bushel of apples	"	50
Jan	9	Interest on 700 dollars in the bank for 6 months to Dec 11. at 4 per cent	14.	00
	21	S. J. Edwards paid me for my Rail Road dividend 30$. (I sent to J. W. to draw it & pay 30$ to S. J. E. the whole said to be 35$)	30.	00
			78.	50

Expenditures.

Nov.	20	8 lbs Lard. 80 cts. Gartering 10c	0.	90
		Penknife for wife 25.	"	25
	"	Paid Brother Parsons for 3 lbs butter last week and 2 lbs this week 14	"	70.
		Spice 5c. 1 doz. Eggs 17c	"	22
	21.	12 lbs Sugar 6/- Butter 65c	1.	65
		Wood of Luther King 2¾. 1⅛ + 1 4/16 + 1 12/16 cords — @ 5 7/16 cords @ 1$ 3. $15.56		
		Paid him 5. + 10.56 in Dec. 25. 25 cts for apples in 1843.	15.	81.
	22	Paid Coats for sawing 1¼ cords wood	0.	83.
	23.	Ginger 6c 25 lb. Turkey 48c.	0.	54
	25	1 Bushel potatoes of Bro. Parsons	0.	42
		Paid for washing 50 cts. Lustre 6c	0	56
	27	Bringing in Stove 6c Yeast 5c	0.	11
	29	Postage 7c	0.	7
Dec.	2.	Postage at old office 38	0.	38
		Paid for 14 lbs Fowls @ 8c (Salisbury)	1.	14.
		Snuff 8c. Crackers 3c. Sundry 7c	0.	18
	9	Washing 3/- Gift 1/6. Cheese 23 cts	0	98
	13	27½ yards Cotton @ 7½ cents	2.	06
		15 " @ @ 12 "	1.	80.
		Beef 14 cents. Letter from Arethusa 7c	0.	21
	19	Paid Stale for making a pair of Shoes	1.	00
	21	Letter from J. W. 7 cts. Wax 2c yeast 5	0.	14
	23	Washing 60 cts. 3 lbs Butter 50 cts	1.	00
		Fresh pork 36 cts. Snuff 8c	0.	44
	28	Letter from Hopkins 7c. 1 yard linen 72c	0.	79
			32.	18.
1845				
Jan.	1.	Bill at old Post office 94 cts.	"	94
	3	10¾ lbs Graham flour. 32 cts. Pork 43 cts.	"	75
	5	Salt 13 cts. Tacks 10c. Candy 4c		27
	9	Williamsburg Thayer's bill of meat to this time	1.	70
	11	1 pr Shoes for sister Hooker	1.	00
		2¾ lbs Sausages 25. Pork 23	0.	48.
	11	Horse & sleigh to Easthampton (pd Strong 1.37½)	0.	75
	13	2 yards Towelling for C. Parkman	0.	20
	16	Sausages 18c. mending Coffee Pot 5c. Tetanus 10	0.	33
	18	Letter from Augusta 6c. Logwood for C. P. 5 & 3c	0	14
	21	Sawing Wood (Coal) 75c. Ink powder 10c	0.	85
	21	Paid Hilyer's account for last year	9.	25
	22	Paid Hawley for 2 Gazettes for 1844 (one sent to Augusta)	3.	00
	22	Sundry 6c. To new account 26.60	26.	66
				78.50

December 1844

	Thermometer. Sunrise;	10 PM.	9 PM.			
Sunday 1.	38.	38.	25	Rainy. Evening clear.	S.W.	N
2	16.	32.	23.	Fair.	Southerly.	
3	25	34	28.	Cloudy	N.E.	
4	32.	35.	36.	Rainy, moderate,	N.	
5	31	38	33.	Cloudy.	N.E.	
6	32	37.	34.	Cloudy. some mist.	N.E.	
7	35.	37	51.	Rainy	Southerly	
Sunday 8	25.	28.	19	Fair: Snow gone.	N.W.	
9	18	38	22	Fair	N.W	
10	12	39	22	Fair	S. & W.	
11	14	21.	22.	Cloudy	N	
12	26	33	16	Cloudy. Snow 3/4 inch last night.	N.W. &	
13	13.	28	28.	Cloudy. Snow 1/2 inch ~~to-day~~	N.E. &	
14	23	42.	30.	Cloudy AM. Fair PM.	Southerly	
Sunday 15	32.	35.	30	Cloudy mostly some fair.	W.	
16	26	34	26	Fair.	N.W	
17	18	23	22	Fair	N.W	
18	16	21.	15	Cloudy some fair. cold.	N.W	
19	20.	32.	25	Mostly cloudy.	Southerly.	
20	20.	25.	13.	Fair	N.W	
21	2	28	20.	Fair AM. Cloudy PM.	N. & S.	
Sunday 22	25.	34.	36.	Cloudy, misty, some rain PM. Rainy night followed.	N.E.	
23	38.	42.	33.	Cloudy. Foggy. some Rain.	N.E	
24	24.	32.	30	Fair. Windy day & last night	N.W	
25	23	40	28.	Fair	S.W. S.E.	
26	34.	46.	40.	Fair	S.E. S.	
27	37.	34.	24.	Rainy AM. Snow PM. 3 or 4 inches.	N.E.	
28	20.	27	13.	Mostly clear. Sleighing.	N.W	
Sunday 29	5 below 0.	25.	25	do do. Trees all white at sunrise,	Southerly	
30	15.	29.	33.	do Cloudy.	N.E.	
31	33.	36.	20.	Fair.	W.	

December has been a mild month — or at least not severe. There have been several days of sleighing, but the sleighing has not been good; it is now (Dec. 31.) bad, but sleighs continue to run.

Irishmen have been at work this month in making a new channel for Mill river at the lower part of it, so as to accommodate the rail road.

In N. York city, December was mild; the thermometer went no lower than 20° at 7 A.M. and that was Dec. 29. The other coldest mornings then were Dec. 21st, 21°; 28th, 22°; 18th, 24°; N.Y. J. Com.

December 1844.

Sunday 1. I did not attend meeting. Mr. Allen preached. Mr. Wiley has long been unwell, and is now in New York.

2 Sent letter to Peninnah by old mail — the new mail has ceased for the present.
Snow still covers the ground.

3 Wrote to Chauncey Clark.

4 I fell down in a slippery place & hurt me some.

5 Wrote to Rev. Josiah Clark.

6. Sleighing gone — but snow covers much of the ground.

7 Rainy — Snow all goes off — some ice left.

Sunday 8 Mr. Fowler preached.

9 Wrote to Chauncey Clark.
Wrote to Mr. Ely. Hartford, last evening.

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11 Wrote to Rev. Josiah Clark and Asher Clark.
Took out of the bank (part of the 700$ they borrowed June 11 1844) ——— $430.00
Lent to day to Azariah Clapp 400,00
Lent E. Graves 30.00, Nov. 9 } 30,00
He then expected to repay in a few days, but now wishes to keep it }
430.00

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13 Bought 27½ yards Cotton at 7½ cents. $2.06
115 " do bleached @ 12c — 1.80
The unbleached weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. — so cost 24 cents lb.
The bleached " 3 lbs — so cost 60 cents lb.!!

Sunday 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 } Have been some unwell — complaints about the region of the bladder.
Have been employed on Elliot's Indian Bible, for the purpose of ascertaining the meaning of the Indian names of places, rivers, mountains, &c. Have done something at this before, viz. at Worcester last winter, & at Hartford last summer.

19 C. Parkman was admitted to practice law at the recent Court in this town; and he started today to find a place to settle in. I borrowed for him $20 of Isaac Clark. He has been in Mr C. P. Huntington's office about 6 months; the rest of his studying has been done at home.

20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 — Have been troubled with the same complaint, & more trouble about the heart. Have kept the house almost entirely. Have been to Isaac Clark's some. He recovering. Still occupied with Elliot's Indian Bible.

30 Wrote to Wm. S. Porter, Farmington in reply to his.

31 Hear that C. Parkman went from Boston to N. York on Wednesday or Thursday last.

January 1845.

January 1. Articles consumed.

Sugar. We used the last year about 110 lbs. or 108
Have now on hand 10 pounds. Feb. 19. 14½ lbs. 6/. Mch 3. 16 lbs. 6/
March 20. 53¾ lbs. cost $3.75. April, 15 lbs. 6/. 6 lbs white do. Aug.
Nov 4. 11 lbs. - 20th 22 lbs — 148 pounds in all.

Molasses.
used the last year only 5 gallons -
on hand 1 gallon. Feb 11. 1 Gal. April 1. 1 Gal.
May 2 Gal. June 1 Gal. July 1 Gal. Aug. 1 Gal. Oct 2, 1 Gal. 241 Gal
Nov 20 3 Gallons 13 Gallons in all.

Tea - Used the last year about 4½ pounds.
on hand not over ¼ lb. — 1 lb Feb. 10. 1 lb June 4. 1 lb Aug. 7.
Aug 3 lbs. of J.W.

Coffee - used the last year about 24 pounds.
on hand 3 pounds. 4 lbs Feb. 10. 4 lbs April 8. 5 lbs June 4
24. Aug. 13. 2 lb. Sept 4 lbs. Nov. 4 lbs.

Oil. used last year 7 gallons.
on hand - a mere trifle. (had pint of Sarah Dwight.
Jany. 4 1 Gallon. Feb 10. 1 Gal. June 10. 1 Gall. Aug 20. 1 Gal.
Sept 23 1 Gal. Nov 4. 1 Gal. Dec 8 1 Gal.

Wood. I have in the woodhouse about 5 cords of wood.
Jan 20. bought 1½ cords hemlock of H. Strong. 3 dollars. (See Cash. June 24
Sept. 2 loads of Cousin Samuel, Walnut, 102. 112. 2 feet long — 6.62
Nov. 1 " of do. beech &c. 98 feet. Dec. 10. 96 feet. Dec 11. 112 feet. 7.55.

Flour - had on hand Jan. 1. 1845, about 100 lbs. bought Graham 11 dy + 13 ds.
Feb. 14 dy. G. Mch. 14 lbs.; 14 lbs. Ap. 14 lbs; Indian 15 lbs + 9 lbs. May 12 lbs, 14 + 11 lbs. 7 J.
June 4 1 barrel. 13 lbs G. 7 J + 8. July 14 lbs G. 9 lbs J. 14 lbs G. 9 G. 5 G. 9 G. 12 lbs G.
Aug. 11 lbs G. 11 lbs J.C. 7 G. 17 lbs. 17 30 G. 11 J. 25 lbs. Oct 23 1 barrel.

Meat bought in 1845 — (A little old pork on hand. 10 or 11 lbs.
January. 7 lbs spare rib. 4½ lbs. do. 4¾ lbs sausages. Beef 9 lbs. 4 lbs. 4 lb.
March 3½ lbs. 5 lbs. 3 lb.; 28½ lbs Pork. 3 lbs. 6 lbs. 4 lbs. 4 lbs — 3 — 4 — 7 — 9. 6. 5
June 6 lbs. lamb. 11 lbs dried beef. July 5 lb lamb. Aug. 2 lb beef; 6: 4: 3: 6; 3.3
Sept - - 6 " "; Oct. 6 lbs beef. 3 lbs. Nov. 9 lbs. 18 lbs. 5 lbs pork
232 pounds in all

Butter bought in 1845 — had 5 lbs on hand Jan. 1.
Feb 7. 2 lbs. Mch. 2 lbs. April 1½ lbs. 1½ lbs. 1 lb. 2 lbs. 2 lbs. 2 lbs; July 2 lbs. 4 lbs.
July 2 lbs. 3 lbs. 3 lb. 3 lbs Aug; 6 lbs. 6 lbs. 7 lbs. 5 lbs. 3 lbs paid - 3 p. 2 p. 2 p. 2 2½ p.
(had 54 lbs of Parsons + 6 of Johnson - June 1st Nov 12.) 3½ - 2½
84 pounds in all.

Lard - on hand 3 lbs. 18 lbs. Feb. 18. (in exchange for so much returned)
Sept 17 3 lb 6 z. Nov. 18. 10¼ lbs.

(See January 1. 1846.

January 1845

Wednesday 1. The new year comes with its numerous comforts to us & our children. Yet I am myself unwell and know not what the issue may be. At present I have 3 children in Augusta, 3 in N. York (including C. Parkman) and one at the Community.

2, 3. As in days past. C. Parkman came home in the night of January 3-4 — has been to New York as well as Boston. Has determined to settle in Reading, near Boston.

4 to 9. As in days past. Sister Hooker came here on the 10th.

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Saturday 11 I and C. Parkman went with Sister Hooker to Sister Lyman's in Easthampton, P.M. — left Sarah there & came home in the evening. Good sleighing, but snow not deep —

Sunday 12 S. Judd Edwards from N. York here to dinner.

Thursday 16 C. Parkman set out for Reading to day. Has been at home 1 year and 11 months since he came from South Carolina — is now to begin as "Attorney and Counsellor at Law" at Reading, between Boston and Andover — is now 30 years old. He was not able to pay the 48 dollars he owed me more than a year ago. I have his note. Indorsed on it $4. for trunk of his which Peninnah has. He owes Arethusa 95 cents, which I am to pay, & Hall owes him $1.17, which I am to receive. The balance, 22 cents, is indorsed on his note.

Sunday 19. I did not go to meeting — have not been for several Sundays — my complaint continues, but is less troublesome. Mr. Wiley preached A.M. he has preached but 2 or 3 times for months past, and but few times for a year past.

Tuesday 21 Wrote to Arethusa, at Gorham, Maine.

21. S. Judd Edwards on his way to N. York. We sent by him shirts to Hophni & letters to sons. Sent power of attorney to J.W. to draw my B. & P. Rail Road dividend — said to be 3½ per cent, or 35 dollars. S.J. Edwards paid me 30 dollars, which J.W. will pay him. The remaining 5 dollars is to pay for the Evangelist 2 years — last year (which J.W. paid, but I have not paid him) and this year.

Thursday 23 Warham Kingsley & Jesse Lyman's Note — $133. March 14. 1839 — Interest payable annually, 2 years Interest paid to March 14. 1841. $140 paid May 13. 1844 — Interest 3 years to March 14. 1844 23.94 & compound on it $1.44. — Interest on all to May 13. 1844. 1.55. — principal & interest May 13. 1844, $159.93. Deduct 140 dolls & 19.93 remains. Interest on 18 dollars 8 months 72 days all 20.65 Paid to May 20.65, and took note.

January 1845

	Thermometer. Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		Wind
Wednesday 1	20	44.	35.	Fair	West
2	24	32	16	Fair	W. & N.W.
3	11	28	24.	Fair, & ll. Cloudy P.M. ½ inch hail in night	E. & S.E.
4	38	42	34	Fair. thawy.	N.W.
Sunday 5	31	44.	36.	Fair. thawy.	N.W
6	26.	26.	21.	Mostly Cloudy Snow in night 4½ inches.	N.E
7	23	30	29	Cloudy. Sleighing.	N.E
8	29	39.	22	Cloudy some. Fair some.	W.
9	10.	26	13	Cloudy mostly. Good Sleighing. ½ inch snow fell. A.m. Aurora Borealis in evening.	N.E.
10	29	39	24.	Fair. pleasant.	N.W
11	14	33	26.	Partly Fair partly cloudy.	N.E
Sunday 12	22	33	26.	Mostly cloudy	N.W.
13	21	24	15.	Snowy day 3 inches fell.	N.E.
14	8	30.	8.	Fair. Good sleighing.	N.W.
15	12	32	20	Cloudy 1½ inches Snow fell.	N.E
16	30	33	30.	Gentle rain most of the day & night following. Trees heavily loaded with ice	N.E
17	28.	30.	29.	Gentle rain continues and ice on trees is increased	N.E
18	26	30	6	Fair. Trees are splendid.	N.W.
Sunday 19	1 below 0.	15.	10.	Fair. Splendid scene still. a very cold day.	N. & N.E.
20	12	23	20	Cloudy. Same silvery scene. Falls heard in evening.	N.E.
21	24	31	26	Cloudy. Some snow P.M. 1 inch fell	N.E.
22	24	36	21.	Fair. Fine sleighing.	N.
23	3	33.	12.	Fair. Some fog in Evening.	N.E & E.
24	15.	30	37	Cloudy. Gentle Rain P.M. Rain & thaw in evening & night.	N.E.
25	37.	42.	37	Rain, mist, fog, thaw. In the night, snowed 2½ inches	N.E
Sunday 26	29	35.	24.	Fair & pleasant.	N.E. & N.
27	20.	39.	25	Fair & pleasant. Thawy.	N.E.
28	19	42.	32	Fair do. A little rain in the night	W. & S.E
29	37.	38	28.	½ Fair. ½ Cloudy	N.W.
30	24	24.	14	Fair. Cold	N.W. & W.
31	0	17.	4	Fair. cold	N.E – N.W.

January has been mild, but ends with a cold day & night.

At Milwaukee (Wisconsin) The week Jan 7–13 was colder than here — The Wind there was N.W. — S.W. & W.

At Franconia, N.H. Jan. 19. Thermometer was 24° below 0.

January 1845

The Ice on the Trees.

Saturday Evening 18 It rained gently by turns on Thursday, Jan. 16. and the night following, and the next day, 17. The Thermometer was below the freezing point the whole of both days, except an hour or two on Thursday. The trees were all loaded with ice on Thursday, and the quantity of ice was considerably increased on Friday. Every branch, limb, twig, spray, of every tree shrub & bush became laden with ice and all bent towards the ground. Some limbs broke from trees on Friday, and towards the morning of Saturday, the wind arose, though not violent, and there was much breaking of limbs in the forests and fields, and more or less among the fruit & shade trees in this village, and the snapping of limbs, and falling of limbs & ice occurred at intervals through the day (to day.) But the destruction is not yet great in the village, except the tops of the elms, which are much injured and disfigured, and one elm in front of Augustus Clarke's store is split in two. Some limbs of apple, peach, and other fruit trees are broken off.

The sun shone brightly to day, and the appearance of the trees & shrubs, great and small was beautiful, yea splendid and magnificent. Such a silvery sight I never beheld. I have particularly noticed the trees & bushes, and I find that the ice on the limbs is from half an inch to an inch in height, a large portion of it is 3/4 of an inch high, even on very small limbs & twigs. Its thickness is a little less. It rests very nearly on the top of the limb, and just encloses the limb on the lower side; indeed the ice on the lower side of the limb is perceived by the touch more than by the eye, being thin. The weight of ice on a tree is very great. The shrubbery in dooryards and the bushes by mill rivers are all bent over, many of them touching the snow. The Evergreens are heavily laden, but not so much broken as others, and their green is not all hidden by the ice — The trees on Mount Holyoke all present a silver appearance, but the green still distinguishes the evergreens from others.

January 1845

Ice on the Trees — continued.

Saturday Evening 18. The thermometer to day was below the freezing point, and though the sun shone clearly, it did not thaw enough to loosen the ice much. The burden on the trees seems to be undiminished. Icicles still hang at every roof; and trees & shrubs are in danger of great injury, and some of total destruction, should a high wind arise. The damage in some places is said to be considerable already. This evening, the moon partially lights up the silvery scene. All is still, except now and then, the fall of a burdened branch.

Sunday 19. The night was very still; no wind, and the trees this morning, are, if possible, more resplendent & glittering in the morning sun than yesterday. It seems an enchanted scene from the Arabian Nights. The trees seem to be filled & covered with transparent silver like foliage.

Evening 19. The day has been still & cold; the thermometer being no higher than 15° at 1 O'clock. Little or no thawing, and the trees all remain as they were yesterday. No falling of ice or limbs to day. When the sun was westerly, it gave a fine appearance to the ice-covered trees on Mt. Holyoke. — The paths are icy every where, and there is a strong crust on the snow. Long icicles hang at the eaves of all buildings.

Monday 20. No thawing to day. The ice remains the same. It extends to all the towns in this vicinity, and probably to a distance. — I find by inquiry that the damage done to trees, viz. the breaking of branches was almost all done on Friday night Jan. 17, beginning in the evening. In some places there was a great clattering through the night.

Tuesday 21. An inch of snow fell to day, very light, & it accumulates on the top of the ice on the limbs of trees. No thawing.

Wednesday 22. The sun again out; and the glittering display is equal to that of any day previous. It thawed some to day & some ice fell, but most of it remained. The moon light scene in the evening was most brilliant. The trees resembled glass chandeliers of an enormous size, all parts glistening.

Thursday 23. Another fair day. Some thawing. Some ice fell but most of it remains.

Friday 24 Cloudy & some rain. It rained all night (24–25) & thawed.

Saturday 25 The ice all fell from the trees last night.

The damage to forest & fruit trees is not very great. I trust though considerable in some places.

January 1845.

Philadelphia Weather:— for 7 years 1838–1844
1838, average 51°.1; 1839, 52°.3; 1840, 52.8; 1841, 52°—
1842 " 53.1; 1843, 51.9; 1844, 53.3.
The variation in the years is not great.
The mean of the 7 years is — 52°.3.
The mean of the 3 Winter months. 32.26
The do " Spring " 51.3
The do " Summer " 72.8
The do " Fall " 53.0.
The Coldest months were February 1838, 23°.
January 1840, 24.8; January 1844, 27°; Dec 1838, 28°.1
The Warmest months were June & July 1838, each 78°.
June 1842, 75°.8; August 1843, 75.4; July 1844, 75.1.
July 1841, 74.9; August 1838, 74.9; July 1839, 75.2.

Saturday 25. Gentle rain & thaw. Considerable rain last night. Snow somewhat reduced, but the hard bottom remains in the streets, & the fields have a good supply. The trees & shrubs have resumed their wonted appearance — Such an ice scene is said to have been exhibited 50 years ago, or somewhere about 50 years, but the exact year is not designated, I can find nothing of it in any records that I have — The late congelation upon the trees was greater south of here, at least, as far as Springfield; and less at the north, and almost nothing at Brattleboro', did not extend west to Albany.

Sunday 26. It snowed last night about 2½ inches.

27 Jays have been noisy some days past — especially Saturday.

Crows & Hawks — visit the meadow, as in past years. The hawks are about the meadow summer & winter, but are much the most numerous, it is said, late in the fall and early in the spring — often mice, moles, &c. Said to be the henhawk — sometimes catch chickens, near the meadow.

Tuesday 28 Walked out to the Community — good sleighing though considerable thawing — Heard or saw crows, jays, a small bird and a red squirrel.

Fishes. On Friday night last the dam across the little brook near Conant's Silk Factory gave way, & the fishes were carried down the brook by the side of the road & below the road, & yesterday & to-day large quantities were taken — two persons caught 25 or 30 lbs. They were taking them to day with rakes chiefly — one had a spear. The fish seemed to be in a semi-torpid state, with but little animation. They were suckers, some weighing 2 lbs, Pouts or bullheads (they called them by both names — had no hard horns, but 2 long echini, & perhaps more) and a few pickerel.

January 1845

1845		**Money Matters.**		
Jan.	22	On Hand (see 5 leaves back)		26.60
	23	Balance of Note against Warham Kingsley (said Lorsi Lyman, surety)		70.65
Feb	27	Elisha Graves paid 100$ on note.		204.10
March	28	E. Graves paid all his notes $104.10		
April	2	E. Williams &c. paid my note dated June 11. 1844. for 700$. $270; (430$ paid Dec. 11.)		270.00
	2	Interest on do. since Dec. 11. at 4 pct.		3.36
				$524.71
		Expenditures.		
January	22	Letter from Hopkins by new mail 6c.	6	
	23	Crackers for Pliny Smith — 10c.	10	
		Corned Beef 14c. 13 lbs Gra. Flour. 39c.	53	
		Snuff 8c. Beef 23c. Mend Shoes 10c	42	
	27	Isaac Clark's account for 1844.	11.70	
	30	1/2 Ream paper of Wm Clark	0.75	
	31	Postage at Old Office for January	0.15	
Feb.	1	Mrs. Shepard's milk bill since Oct. 26 to this day (Feb. 1. not included) 98 days 132 pints at 2 cents	2.64	
	3	Mrs Salisbury Washing twice,	1.00	
	4	yeast 5c. blank book 13c. Candy 6c.	0.24	
	7	Butter 30. Cheese 15. — 12 lb G. Flour 42	0.87	
	14	2 Letters by new mail from Children	0.12	
	17	Corned beef 20c do Feb 25. 25c.	0.45	
	19	Cash given to son Hall $2.00.	2.00	
	21	Letter from Hopkins 6c. Snuff 8c	0.14	
	24	Letter to C. Perkman 12. Cheese 26c	0.38	
March	1.	Beef 25. Yeast & gift &c. 11c.	0.36	
			21.96	
	3	16 lbs sugar $1.00. Letter from Arethusa 6c	1.06	
	4	Bro. Parsons, 2 bushels potatoes (1 for Hall)	1.00	
	4	Paid Hamlin for trouble about my business with E. Hunt. Cummington	0.25	
	10	14 1/4 lbs Graham flour 43c.	0.43	
	10	Mrs Shepards milk bill, 36 pints from Feb. 1 to this date	0.72	
	12.	Meat 19. Rice 8. Straw 13.	0.40	
		Mending Tub 11c meat 16c	0.27	
	18	Meat 18c. Butter 31c. Washing (2 weeks ago) 50c.	0.99	
	20	20 lbs sugar at Thayer $1.25. 18 3/4 lbs do. 1.50.	2.75	
	"	28 1/2 lbs shear pork of do. at 8c lb	2.28	
		2 yeast Hon 18th 5c. Salt 8c.	13	
	24	Meat 18c. Cruet 10c. Ind. Meal 14	0.42	
		Sent to Boston to pay for Emancipator for June 4. 1845 by P. M.	2.00	
	25	Snuff 8c. Fishskin 10c. Crackers 10c	0.28	
	27	Rice 9 — 14 lbs Graham Flour 42	0.51	
	31	Washing 50c. Meat 25. Eggs 12c	0.87	
April	2	Paid Sarah Dwight for Parlor Stove	5.00	
	2	Paid George Lyman (Hockanum) for note as himself & Stephen Johnson for 70 dollars — Arethusa's note 67.63 and cash 2.37c.	2.37	43.64
				481.07
		Balance to April 2		$524.71

January, 1845

Tuesday 28 — continued.

In going out to the Community & returning, the damage done to the trees by ice did not seem to be great. The evergreens are hardly injured at all, & other forest trees not much. But these trees are not very old. The aged large trees in some places are more injured, it is said. — In this village, old peach trees are much broken, & some younger ones are injured. Some old apple trees are damaged. — Elms are the greatest sufferers, but these will recover, except here and there one which is almost destroyed. Some willows are considerably broken.

Small oak trees retain their leaves yet, but the large ones do not.

The English Elm trees are not injured by the ice; their limbs are more erect, & less numerous, & shorter than the American Elms.

Wednesday 29. The Irish began to dig on the rail road between Pleasant & Hawley Street, on Monday. They are carrying off the hill or rise in the rear of the homelots on Pleasant Street, being a part of the lower homelots — most of it belonged to Mrs Turner's lot. They are taking off 8 or 10 feet in depth, & carrying it into the valley by the brook. — This elevation has one to two feet of soil & common earth on the top; that below is sand & gravel — loose, porous earth, in two or three strata, varing a little in color & composition, but all quite gravelly.

Thursday 30. Walked out to Paper Mill. P. M. — Thermometer about 20°. Some Crows were flying about the pine woods, North of the paper mill. Sleighing very good.

Friday 31. Cold. Fine Sleighing here, but not good east of the River. Less snow falls that side of the river than on this.

February 1845.

		Thermometer Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Saturday	1	4 below 0:	10.	1	Fair. Severe cold.	N.W.
Sunday	2	8 below 0:	12.	3 below 0	Fair. do.	N.E.
	3	6 below 0:	12.	7	Fair. do.	N.E.
	4	8	14	13.	N.E. Snow Storm all day.	N.E. } giving Snow
	5	16	25	14	Storm continues by turns.	N.E.
	6	10	20.	8.	Fair. Cold!	N.W.
	7	2 below 0:	24	16	Fair	N.W.
	8	16	26	12	Fair	N.W.
Sunday	9	8	30.	2	Fair	N.W.
	10	10 below 0:	24.	18	Fair { 2 inches Snow in night.	N — E — S.
	11	18	32	26.	Cloudy.	N.E. & E.
	12	33	40	30.	Cloudy & some rain A.M. Partly clear P.M. Thawy }	South.
	13	2	10.	0.	Fair, cold.	N.W.
	14	2	19.	15.	Cloudy. 1/2 inch Snow.	N.E.
	15	20	34	31	Cloudy. { Rain in the night.	N.E. & E
Sunday	16	35.	43	36.	Rainy A.M. Clear P.M.	S.W — N.W
	17	36	44	37.	Mostly fair. Thawy	N.W.
	18	30	42	29	Fair Thawy.	N.W.
	19	18	44.	28	Fair mostly. Thawy { Some haze — Halo in evening.	N.E. E and S.E
	20	32.	46.	38	Mostly Cloudy. Thawy.	Southerly.
	21	36	51	36	Cloudy A.M. Pt. Fair P.M. Thawy.	S. & W.
	22	34	50	34	Mostly Fair Thawy	N.W.
Sunday	23	36	39.	35.	Rainy day. Cleared off in night.	N.E.
	24	30	44	32.	Fair. Thawy	W.
	25	28	52	41	Fair. Thawy.	Southerly.
	26.	28	55	36.	Fair. Thawy.	W — S — N.W.
	27	27	44	29	Fair. Thawy.	N.W.
	28	22	38.	22.	Mostly Fair. Raw. Thawed some }	N.E. N.W.

The first half of February was severe; the last half unusually mild — On the whole, the winter has been quite moderate; it is seldom more so. There has been no great winter Thaw. There has been as much as 2 months Sleighing since Nov. 28.

In City of New York at 7 o'clock A.M. and 3 o'clock P.M.
Feb 1 11 — 26; 2, 13 — 26; 3d, 11 — 27; 4th, 26 — 32
5 — 19 — 26; 6, 16 — 21.

Thermometer morning of February 2 — Boston 3° below 0.
Dorchester 10° below; Saratoga 10 below; Utica 12 below.

At Newark N.J. 20½ inches of snow fell in February — which is much more than fell here.

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Saturday 1 The month has commenced with very cold weather.

Sunday 2 Another clear, cold day. The average of the day was at 0, or very near it.

Monday 3 Another cold day.

4 Cold N.E. Snow Storm all day, followed by a high wind all night.

5 The storm continues at times through the day, but not so severe as yesterday. Perhaps 9 inches of Snow have fallen both days — it is blown into heaps. The roads on the hills are filled up.

6 It cleared off last night — Rail Roads blocked up.

7. Sleighing good about the village — but very bad in many places, on account of the snow-drifts. Brother Johnson & wife here.

8. The snow storm of Tuesday & Wednesday was severe South of here — 12 inches are said to have fallen at N. Haven; 18 inches in New York; and 2 feet in some parts of N. Jersey. It was mostly rain at Philadelphia. Severe at Boston, Providence, &c.

Sunday 9. Mr. Wiley asked for a dismission. It will probably be granted willingly by nearly all. He is going to Utica. Mr. W. has good qualities, & writes in a chaste, handsome style, but with all is a most inefficient pastor, and the Society is fast diminishing under him. He has preached but little the last year — has been unwell some of the time.

10. 11. 12. On Forest Trees.

12 Sister Smith here.
Wrote to Children at N. York.
Thawy & some Sloshy, after much cold weather.

13 About 9 in Evening, all was clear & bright Moonshine, but there was a white belt extending from the horizon on the S.E. to the horizon on N.W. passing the zenith nearly.

15 Trees all white with a thin ice.

17 Letter to Maine. Letter to N. York.

19 Letter to brother Matthew, Gadsville, Tennessee.

16. to 22 This has been a mild thawy Week — and much of the snow has gone off — the sleighing is getting bad, and spots of ground appear. There is no sleighing to Springfield nor below Sp. Ice is gone from Springfield to Windsor Locks — remains above & below. Grass looks greenish south side of houses, but it is chiefly the green of last fall.

Robins have been seen at Pascommock, & I believe I heard one this morning (Feb. 22.)

The Trumpet Honeysuckle, or Common Honeysuckle has leaf buds opening to appearance — & Lilac buds swell, but these things sometimes occur in January.

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Saturday 22 Continued —

Mill River has been turned into the new channel made for it the present week. — the new channel crosses Middle Meadow or the lower part of it, and enters the Connecticut above the cut-through, Hockanum meadow — The Irish are at work on the Rail Road in the meadow, but none are now at work near Pleasant Street.

Sunday 23. It is rainy to-day, & the snow continues to dissolve. The sleighing is about or quite finished. King street is very muddy, including sidewalk. Crows were very noisy in the direction of the meadow most of the forenoon — what this indicates, I know not.

Monday 24. Visit to the meadow, rail road, &c.
This forenoon I went down to the lower end of the meadow, just S.W. of Mill River. The snow is mostly gone from the meadow, 2/3 or more is bare — The western hills seem to be mostly covered with snow; the Eastern Hills are much more bare.

Irish Huts. Where the high bank of the meadow intersects Mill River, on S.W. side; the Irish built last fall or beginning of winter several huts or chanties — 2 are 50 or 60 feet long about 10 feet wide made into several rooms; 2 or 3 more are much shorter and there is one used for a stable, another for a blacksmith's shop, &c. They are made with slitwork and boards, and earth is flung up on the sides, except about the doors, 2/3 of the space to the eaves. A room 10 feet square or 10 by 12 answers for a family & has in it something called a bed, a stove to cook and keep warm, a block or two, or old chairs for seats. They are cheerless, desolate places, with no glass, and almost destitute of furniture; and potatoes seem to be the principal food. The Irish, it is said, work for 60 cents a day & find themselves, — from 6 to 6, or 12 hours, except meal time.

Water. The late thaw & rain have raised the Connecticut and the old channel, the new channel, and Mill River are all one — all together, below the Irish huts. Mill River has been turned into a new channel, but old & new are now out of sight. Middle Meadow, however, is not yet covered with water.

The Rail Road is to cross Mill River just below the old Store house in the meadow — then proceed (going south) on the right side or S.W. side through the meadow, at no great distance from the river, for the most part; then cross

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the old channels of Mill River & Connecticut River to Hockanum Island, and cross the Island, the old channel of the Connecticut & meander on the south side of the island, to the Lower Farms or Pascommuck meadow. The line of the Road from the old Stone house to Pascommuck is nearly straight. There is to be an embankment through the meadow 5. 6. or 7 feet high; about 80 or 100 rods of this have been made, the earth being taken from the side of the embankment, making a ditch of about equal dimensions — An embankment has been made across the greater part of Hockanum island, and across a part of the old channel of Connecticut River this side of the island. There seem to be Irish huts near Pascommuck meadow, and probably something is doing there.

Mice. The marks of mice (or moles or both) appear every where in the meadow. Their winter paths, holes, nests, chaff of their food, &c. may be seen in every direction, and I observed several skipping about. On the bank of Mill river, the greater part of the shrubs & small trees had their bark gnawed off from one or two to 6 or 8 inches above the ground, and the limbs which fell from trees when the ice was on, were also peeled, more or less. It is not strange that the hawks & crows resort to the meadows so much, for they undoubtedly catch an abundance of mice.

Muskrats — I saw none, but met a man with a gun wishing to shoot muskrats, if he could find any. The water is not yet high enough in Mill River to drive them out of their burrows.

Witch Hazel. I find on this tree the yellow blossoms of last autumn, a little browned & dried on the edge, but still yellow & fresh within. The blossoms of the autumn produce fruit the next season. (See March 25.

Alder. One kind is full of dry, hard catkins, of a short conical form like a small fir cone. These, I suppose, are the female catkins of last year. There are also cylindrical catkins, green within, & reddish brown without. These are probably male catkins — must have been formed last fall, & will be in blossom next month perhaps.

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Monday 24 Put letter in old P. office for son E. P. Reading
Put letter in new do. for son Hoph. N. York,
Hophni is with Williams and Bogardus.
No 46, Cedar-street, New York.

Tuesday 25 Two Blue birds appeared this morning near Doct. Walker's house, & were quite musical
The Crows passed over towards the meadow some time before sunrise.
Several Bluebirds appeared in the course of the forenoon, and they were quite musical till night.
This is the 10th Thawy day, and has been warmer than any of the preceding.
The Hudson River is open, & a steam boat arrived at Albany Sunday night about 1. o. c.
The Connecticut is not open in this vicinity or was not yesterday, nor below Hartford, but is open from above Springfield to Hartford.
Perhaps all is open to-day, or will be tomorrow.

Received today a note signed by Orestes Richards of Cummington for 45 dollars payable April 1. 1846 with interest — & I in return gave a writing, stating my consent to Orestes Richards having the use of so much of Hunts farm for one year as he & Mr. Hunt shall agree upon. The year to end April 1. 1846.

Wednesday 26. Before sunrise —
Bluebirds were noisy —
Robins were heard —
Crows were flying over.
The birds came the last week in February in 1840, but they had a hard time in March. They came about the first of March in 1842.

I went into the meadow below Pleasant Street this forenoon. The birds were plenty in the vicinity of Mill River, in the upper part of the meadow, among the trees shrubs and grass. Water seems to attract them.
Blue birds were plenty; robins I could hear — did not see
Blackbirds, a whole flock, & some besides — they were very noisy — tsche, tscha, tschep, coquoldee-e, &c. most were red winged blackbirds, but I saw some of the crow or common blackbirds — less noisy than the other.
Song sparrows — I saw & heard several small brown birds which I suppose to be Song sparrows — they had a song.
Another brown sparrow I saw & heard — the kind that are usually about brooks or alders & say tscht, or chat.
The birds filled the air with noise.
Honey bees are out; & some large flies.

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Wednesday 26 The Rail Road — I found the Irish very busy between Pleasant and Hawley street — digging down the hill & carrying the earth across Hawley Street to make an embankment across the low ground in Ann Clark's lot (late Jos. Larkin) The embankment has been carried across the brook from the hill into Hawley Street, and a temporary bridge erected over the brook. — Some are digging away the hill farther N.W. & carrying the earth into the low land adjoining, bringing it up to the level of the rail road. The earth is all conveyed on one horse carts, at both places.

The Hill between Hawley & Pleasant streets is from 7 or 8 to 10 feet (say from 8 to 10) above the level of the railroad, and nearly that above the ground on which the houses on Pleasant street stand, or the land a little in the rear of the houses. The hill, somewhat broad at the lower end, becomes narrow, & makes a sort of ridge for some distance N.W. and then becomes broad again & forms the higher part of Lewis Strong's home lot, &c. The top of it for 8, 10 or 12 inches in depth is a dark colored loam; next for one or two feet deep, it is a lighter colored sandy loam; all below this stratum of yellowish loam is coarse sand or gravel, and easily removed. The ground is not frozen more than a foot in depth.

The Eastern Hills, including Mount Warner are almost free from snow. The Western Hills have much more than the Eastern — I suppose that as usual, the low grounds east of the river have less snow than those on the West side.

Mice I noticed N.E. of Mill River, marks of mice similar to those on the other side. They had gnawed the bark from some trees 6 inches in diameter, for 18 or 20 inches in length. Their paths in the grass or under the grass are numerous, & in these paths they gnaw off the grass close to the earth, but seldom do they go down to the roots. All this is done in winter under the snow, and they seem to build nests & have young in the winter.

Crows were about the meadow — probably after mice. Perhaps they find other food, as kernels of grain, Indian corn, &c

Hadley, Dea Dickinson says, is almost entirely free from snow and very muddy. Here is considerable snow left, much more, he says, than in Hadley. This difference is not uncommon — Our meadows, I perceive, are almost bare of snow, or far more so than the village & uplands about it. About 1/4 of the ground about the village is still covered.

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Thursday 27. Visited the Upper Meadow, A.M. I went down through Young Rainbow and Old Rainbow to Connecticut River, & followed the river down below Bark Wigwam; then returned by Young Rainbow bank, &c.

The ICE is gone from the Connecticut, above & below the bridge — must have gone within a day or two. The river has fallen about a foot — is not very high —

Ducks — I saw 2 or 3 parcels flying. Elihu King was in Old Rainbow, and had 4 ducks which he killed at one shot. They alighted on a pond in Old Rainbow, & there he shot them — These ducks have started for the north.

Red winged Blackbirds. There was a flock of these on the trees, in the upper part of the meadow, and very noisy. Notes as yesterday.

Bluebirds were about the meadow & some Song Sparrows, but I neither saw nor heard a robin.

Crows were in the arable meadow, but I saw none in Old Rainbow. They were mostly about ploughed ground, or where ploughed crops were raised last year. Whether they were after mice, scattered grain and seeds, or worms & insects, or all of these, I know not. They seemed to frequent low, moist grounds.

Mice. I found nests of these in all parts of the Meadow, from the entrance to the bank of the Connecticut. They seem to have been the most plenty about banks, ridges, fences, roadsides, &c. where there was long grass, weeds, shrubs, &c. On low & wet lands where there was tall grass when the winter began, their marks are abundant; also on the lands covered with sand a few years ago, where are plants full of little burrs, which stick to garments in summer. They seem to have been very busy among these burrs, as if they found something eatable in them. Their nests are every where, and their paths are every where. It appears from the banks of snow that remain, that the mice have many paths through the snow as well as under it; also there are not a few paths just under the surface of the earth, and holes in the ground connected with these paths are frequent in some situations. Perhaps they have nests under ground. They gnaw off vast quantities of grass, commonly close to the earth, but sometimes a little above, or a little below, the surface of the earth — Their nests are frequent in some corn fields, where they live on scattered ears of corn, small ears growing on suckers, and on seeds of small pumpkins left on the field. There are but few appearances of them among broomcorn — apparently, there is nothing left for them to eat on broom-corn fields.

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Thursday 27 Continued

The Mice live where stubble or turf was turned over last autumn, and have nests among the turned over grass.

Shrubs in all parts of the meadow were peeled by them near the ground; not so much of this done on the bank of the Connecticut as in other places, but considerable there. Also the limbs that fell from trees by the weight of ice were generally more or less peeled. Elders were every where peeled. This destruction of trees & shrubs must be something that does not happen every year — for those now peeled were 2, 3, 4 or 5 years old, & had not been gnawed in this way before. The willows & poplars near the Connecticut were not harmed.

Muskrats. I observed two or more swimming & plunging under the water on the border of the Connecticut. These are the first live muskrats I ever saw. Their shape is much like the common rat but they are larger.

Mink. I saw one near the Connecticut — a long animal; the body & tail seemed to be near 2 feet long — tail bushy, and not a rat tail. Color brown.

Foxes or something else, have burrows in the meadow, when from appearances, they go in and out daily.

Old Rainbow was still, and no voice of birds was heard there, not even crows. I saw on the bank of the Connecticut 2 brown birds and 2 speckled woodpeckers. I heard over on the Island in the River, the repeated noise of a hawk, but saw no hawks in the meadow. Have seen no hawks in any of my visits to the meadow

The Eastern Hills are nearly bare — only a few small spots of snow to be seen. Mount Warner has very little.

The Western Hills are about half covered; the Northern Hills not so much.

The north sides or ends of Holyoke and Tom show much snow. The fields in Hockanum are mostly bare.

Maple sugar has been made; and small quantities sold in this place.

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Thursday 27 — continued.

Mice. E. Graves says he never knew mice so mischievous as last season, in the meadow. They used to gnaw down the stalks of corn, & then carry all the kernels into holes under ground. In the fore part of the season they gnawed down the outside rows of broom corn & eat the stalks — They sometimes gnaw off the upper part of clover roots, so as to destroy the roots. There are two kinds of mice, he says, the runners and the jumpers. The latter are not so numerous as the former, and are called Deer Mice, he says.

Ahl, says there are few moles, & little or no damage from them here, but they are injurious in Berkshire County, on Hudson's River, &c.

The running kind seems to be the Arvicola hirsutus — or meadow mouse — is a little reddish or tawny.

The Deer mouse is apparently Arvicola Emmonsii. Brown above, white below, & feet white. Leaps well but not like the Gerbillus Canadensis or true jumping mouse. This kind may be in the meadows also — all kinds differ from the house mouse.

Opening of the Hudson — (See under February 1840, for the date of Opening from 1818 to 1840.)

1841. March 21. — 1842 Feb. 4
1843 — April 13 — 1844 — March 18
1845 Feby. 24

The Opening of the Connecticut here at Northampton (which usually occurs later than it does below Springfield) varies but little from the opening of the Hudson at Albany, & sometimes the same day.

1841. (I was absent — not recorded — 1842 Feb. 4.
1843. April 13. — 1844 March 25.
1845 Feb. — 25

Friday 28. A raw, unpleasant day.

I visited the meadow P.M. — went down to Hockanum Ferry, then followed the Connecticut down to Mill River, where it now (Mill River) is running in its new channel. The water is so high that some runs in the old channel, though the water has fallen 2 or 3 feet. — The new channel is partly across the old channel of the Connecticut that is filled up, & unites with the present channel only a little above the cut across Hockanum meadow — The earth taken out of the new channel has been used to form an embankment for the Rail Road.

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Friday 28 — continued

The Embankment from the Meadow Hill where the Irish huts are, to Hockanum Island, is only partially made. Being nearer the island, I perceived that the long chanty and one more were on the island, & not at Pascommuck, & that the embankment that I thought on Monday was on the island, was this side of it.

Mice. I found abundant marks of their winter depredations wherever I went — not many however on land ploughed & sowed last fall; nor on land where the corn was cut up close to the ground; nor on land where broom corn was raised last season. These lands seem to furnish them very little food, & not a good place for nests. On potatoe ground they had made many holes after potatoes, especially where hills were left undug. On stubble, where grass seed was not sown and not much grass grew except the annual kinds (with foxtail heads), the mice had not been abundant, as there were few green roots left for them. — On stubble where clover and heads grass had been sown & grew considerably, their marks were abundant; also on land where heads grass and clover had been mown one or two years; also on lands of all sorts where the rowen was not mown, and much old grass or fog remained — also on ridges, banks, roadsides, &c. They had every where gnawed the bark from certain shrubs and small trees, and fallen limbs — especially Elder, maples, &c. They seem not to have meddled with willows. They had made millions (apparently) of holes in the ground, not deep; some running ~~under the~~ under the ground near the surface several feet, but most extending only a few inches. Were these made in search of roots? Many grasses & other vegetables were eaten off close to the ground, or within the ground, but clover seemed to be no more eaten than some other things. — In certain situations as on the bank of Mill River, bank of the meadow, &c. they evidently live considerably underground & have holes that seem to lead to their lodgings. Middle Meadow was full of their paths, holes &c. as well as the higher meadow. The bank of the Connecticut was marked by them.

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Friday 28 - continued:

Birds were less musical to-day, but bluebirds, robins, blackbirds & song sparrows were heard. — Crows were in Middle meadow, and a large flock near the river in Manhan meadow — some flew across the Connecticut, only 2 or 3 feet from the water. What was the meaning of this? — I saw one small flock of ducks flying.

Snow. I could see none at all on the Eastern Hills; & it has diminished on the Western.

The Ferry is open at Hockanum and the Horseboat in operation. Began yesterday.

The walking on Middle meadow was almost as good as in summer.

The Trees in all parts of the meadow, especially in Middle meadow, suffered considerably from the ice last winter.

Elms, rough bark Poplars, and White maples are frequently found together on the banks of Mill River and the Connecticut. Willows also are plenty in some places; and Button wood and Butternut are also found here & there with the other sorts mentioned. This refers to lower part of Mill River, and the Connecticut.

Below South Street Bridge, near the bank of the river, are found within 30 or 40 rods of the bridge, Elms, Large rough bark Poplar, Button wood, yellow Willow, Shagbark Hickory, Bitternut, Pignut, and Butternut — lower down & more exposed to water are many White maples, & some black willows — a few Oaks, near the ravine west of the River. Lower down, in the meadow are a few White or Aspen Poplars; a few Ash trees, & some oaks, maples, elms, &c. Of these 12 sorts of trees, Elms, Button woods and White maple are more numerous than all the rest — Button woods mostly in upper part — very few below.

Shrubs — In the upper part are Barberries & Thornbushes, not close to the river —. Below are Alders, Briers or Brambles, Elders, a shrub of which the last year's growth is of a fine scarlet color, & others. Some grape vines & other climbers. one or more Witchhazels. Some sumachs.

There are bass trees lower down; near Middle meadow. also many of the False Bitter sweet, & other climbing plants — (See March 31.) Many Butternut, are on west side of the river in lower part.

March 1845

Saturday 1. March begins with a mild, pleasant day. Birds as in days past. I have heard robins every day since Tuesday, but have not seen one till to-day.

Walked out to the Community with Hall P.M. Some dry road, some snow & a good deal of mud. Examined some grass fields, and found that the mice were apparently as numerous on some uplands as in the meadow, especially where there was clover & herdsgrass, or much old tow or old grass of any kind. On lean sandy plains, & close eaten pastures, they had left but few marks.

Sunday 2 I went to meeting for the first time since Dec. 1. Rev. Aaron Warner preached.

Monday 3. Finished a letter to Rev. A. P. Tracy, Methodist Minister, Williamsburg, in reply to his about Tracy family, & others at Norwich, Conn.

A Robin sung a regular song this morning — before they have only chirped. The song was not long.

Wednesday 5. Rainy day — Cleared off in night.

Thursday 6 Pleasant. Birds musical.

Snow is almost all gone about the village. Some icy places, and bottoms of drifts in shady places remain. The north parts of Holyoke & Tom are yet hoary.

Texas is annexed, & the new President has come in. Southern Slaveholders & their true allies, northern Democrats, & a few Whigs have brought in Texas; and the former did it for the very purpose of extending & securing slavery. The Whigs opposed the measure not so much on account of slavery, as from other considerations. There is no principle of liberty in either party. As Follen said "Liberty in the U. States is a fact, not a principle." The acquisition of Texas, if it adds to the business & wealth of the country, will not long be unpopular even in New England. If money can be made, slavery will be forgotten by almost all. There will be some true-hearted men.

7 & 8 Wrote to son in law Joseph H. Williams, in reply to his; and in regard to Sylvester's recent Temperance Discourse.

Saturday 8 Meadow Larks I have heard & seen today, for the first time. I have also heard & seen a small bird not before seen — know not its name.

Shad were caught in N. Carolina and brought to Baltimore about March 3.

Monday 10 Began to have milk of Mr. Durant. 1½ pt 9 days, then 1 pt.

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		Thermometer Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		Wind
Saturday	1	28	46	30	Fair. Thawy.	Southerly.
Sunday	2	27	47	38	Cloudy. Thawed some.	N.E.—S.W.
	3	48	45	27	Cloudy A.M. Fair P.M.	S.W.—N.W.
	4	24	44	36	Windy—thawed some	
	5	33	38	42	Fair. Thawed some.	W.—S.
	6	36	48	30	Rainy day	N.E. & N.
	7	25	49	37	Fair. Drying.	N.W.
	8	34	38	38	Fair do.	N.E.
Sunday	9	35	38	34	Cloudy—Little Rain.	N.E.
	10	31	42	31	Rainy.	N.E.
	11	28	37	20	Cloudy.	N.E.—E.—S.E.
	12	9	39	27	Snow last night and till noon 4½ inches	N.E.
	13	22	46	35	Fair. Thawy.	N.E.—S.E.
	14	33	36	34	Fair. Thawed some.	S.W.—S.E.
	15	31	36	18	Snowy A.M. Rainy P.M. 1 inch Snow remained	N.E.—N.
Sunday	16	14	32	16	Cloudy A.M. Fair P.M.	S.W. N.W.
	17	19	44	27	Fair mostly. Thawed some.	S.W. S.E.
	18	24	43	30	Fair mostly. Thawed some	S.W. W.
	19	20	34	22	½ Fair. Cold. windy.	W. & N.W.
	20	22	40	32	⅔ Fair. Cold. windy.	N.W.
	21	24	30	20	Fair, cold, windy.	N.W.
	22	18	42	30	Fair more pleasant.	N.W.
Sunday	23	22	50	40	Fair A.M. Cloudy P.M.	S.
	24	35	44	38	½ Fair. ½ cloudy. Windy.	N.W.
	25	32	43	28	Fair. windy	N.W.
	26	17	50	40	Fair. Pleasant. Wind.	N.W. S.W.
	27	38	64	42	⅔ Fair. Warm	S.W. N.W.
	28	34	70	50	Hazy. smoky. warm.	N.W.
	29	36	50	44	Hazy. smoky. warm.	N.E.—S
Sunday	30	39	68	54	Hazy. smoky. warm. and Fair in part.	S.W.—S.
	31	47	68	55	⅔ Fair—warm.	Southerly.

March has for the most part been mild, though a few unpleasant days have occurred. The last 5 days have been unusually warm for the season and have advanced vegetation considerably. The thermometer has not been so high in March before, since I have kept a thermometer.

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Thursday 6 Examination of Trees on Mill River — (See Trees under Feb. 28

Bitternut — I found this species of Hickory a few rods from the river, some 20 or 30 rods below South Street bridge. The tree and nuts look like the pignut, but the shell is much thinner, and is almost full of the kernel, — more full than any hickory nut I have seen, but the taste is not pleasant, and is quite astringent in the mouth. — This tree is in such land as Michaux says they grow in — rich alluvium on the bank of rivers subject to overflowing. It grows also in other situations.

White Maple. These trees, which are numerous on Mill River, exhibit an abundance of reddish or russet flower buds; at a little distance, some trees have quite a reddish brown appearance; this color comes from the calyx, scales or envelope of the flower. On opening these buds, there is quite a reddish appearance within at the upper end of the bud, and green in the lower part. — These buds, it is believed, were nearly as large a month ago — the spring may have enlarged them some. — The sap of the White maple flows early. — The red maples that I have noticed do not show such flower buds as the white, and some of the white maples show no flower buds.

The Aspen Poplar, or White Poplar (bark light colored & smoothish) — shows the end of the catkins — some of the catkins are out half an inch.

The Rough Bark Poplars (large trees) have resinous, fragrant buds. —

But a small part of the preceding buds and catkins is the effect of warm or spring weather. Spring weather has affected vegetation but little as yet. — Grass has started a little by the sides of buildings.

Insects are out some — I have noticed them on the bark of some trees. The birds perhaps find insects as soon as they come.

White & Red Maples on uplands are not so forward, — have not so large flower buds, as the maples on Mill River, near the water & many in the water.

The Maples near Allen Clark's house, show more plump flower-buds than the other upland maples or at least have as large as any. I could not tell last year, & cannot tell now, what sort of maples these are.

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Monday 10 Birds very lively this morning. Some new ones apparently.
Observed to day, many small birds on Mr Whitmarsh's land very merry — also hundreds of blackbirds in the meadow orchard below Josiah Parsons' Jr. very noisy.

Visited Mr. Whitmarsh's place to day — not so much snow & wintry appearance there as on April 5. last year.

Mice have been very busy among Mr. Whitmarsh's gardens, and shrubbery — they have girdled a large portion of his mulberries, and many other shrubs. They seem to be partial to the mulberry, and they not only peel the small limbs, but gnaw them into short pieces. They sometimes gnaw the stalks of corn & broomcorn to pieces, & seem to eat the pith or inside.

Tuesday 11 Snowed last night & to day 4 or 5 inches — Some sleighs appeared. A hard time for the birds.

Wednesday 12. Sleighs still running A. M.
Birds sung this morning, though it was a winter morning
Cedar birds were here, I believe, some days ago
Sparrows, besides song sparrow, also here.

Thursday 13. Thawy. Ground begins to appear again.
Almira H. Hall came towards night, having been to Hartford & Westfield.

Friday 14. A. H. Hall left us for Greenfield.
Snow or rain all day — some snow collected

Saturday 15 Snow covers most all places.
The song sparrow sings, notwithstanding.
Sleighs not quite all given up.
Mountains, Hills & Fields all look like winter

Sunday 16 A winter day. No thawing, or very little.
17 Not so cold — but still wintry.
18 Sparrows of more than one species sing. No singing from other birds for a week past.
Wrote to Sons in N. York by Col. Shepard.
19 Cold wintry, windy day.
Hills around & much of the valley, are yet covered with snow.
Miss Maryann Smith, of the Association, came to live with us a few days, while Dr. Walker attends to her eyes.

Saturday 22 The funeral of Hon. Isaac C. Bates was attended at the old meeting House this P.M. The house was pretty full. Prayer by Dr. Osgood. Address or Eulogy by Pres. Humphrey, and concluding prayer — Singing. Some black Broadcloth hung on the pulpit; the flag was half way on the pole, and all the shops were shut.

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Sunday 23. Pres. Humphrey preached. Frances & babe here.
Warmer — Birds more musical than in days past.
The PHOEBE's notes are heard to day for the first time.
Were here March 26. 1844.

Monday 24. Phebe's notes — continued.
Salmon have been caught near New York.

Tuesday 25.
Skunk cabbage spathes appear — singular looking things, just above the ground. Probably came out long ago, in the winter, under the snow. Flowers are within.
Witch hazel. What I called some weeks since a part of the fall blossom, is only the perianth or calyx — yellow.
Chesnuts have come up after white pines, on the road to Broughton's meadow, on Wm. Clark's land. On a piece near by cleared many years ago, & stumps all gone, white pines cover the land.
Snow still covers most of the western & northern hills and the north part of John & Holyoke. The eastern hills are again bare, & most of the valley — The roads about the village are becoming dry.

Wednesday 26. George Smith and Wm. Chapman here, over night.
Thursday 27 Both continued here to day & night.
Seth Sally Smith & Pliny here also at dinner
A warm, spring-day — Birds very lively.
6 kinds of birds at least — robin, bluebird, blackbird, lark, song sparrow and phebe — some other kinds.

Friday 28 Another warm day — There is an abundance of bird-music both in the meadow and uplands.
Grass starts in many places, and some herbs.
Honeysuckle (at Mr. Williston's Mr. Damons, &c.) has leaves fully open.
Gooseberry — one kind has opening leaves — not quite open.
These two plants, and the ivy are some of the plants that first open their leaves in England — elder and currants about the same. These open leaves the last week in February or first week in March in England — 4 or 5 weeks (or 6 weeks sometimes) earlier than here. London has Honeysuckle & Elder the first week in February, as beginning to open them.
Honeysuckle is the earliest, both in England & here.
Lilac leaf buds are opening — the purple that belongs to the flower buds is seen at the end. This refers only to lilacs on the warm side of buildings.
Frogs are peeping this evening, in abundance.
Tulips in warm places emerged from the ground a month ago or more, and are now 1½ inches high.
Adders Tongue in sunny places, in the edge of woods, has leaves 2 inches long — in general, has not emerged.
Smith & Chapman (Smith had a case in Court) went home to-day.

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Saturday 29. Another warm day, but not so warm as 2 days before. Snow is almost all gone from the western and northern hills, & from the northern part of Tom and Holyoke.

Trailing Arbutus (Epigaea repens) I saw to day several open flowers, & many almost open, near Broughton's Brook. This is the first wild flower that I have seen, and I presume no other wild flower has appeared. It is very early for any.

Elms I noticed a few open or opening blossoms on a few trees. Elms sometimes blossom in March but not often.

Sunday 30. Mr. Clark, from Canterbury, said to be a candidate for settlement, preached all day. He preached here once last winter.

Warmest day we have had, though the Thermometer was not so high at 1 o'clock as on 28th. It went up to 72° in the afternoon — a kind of summer day. — Wrote to Joseph.

Monday 31. Another summer day.

Walked down Mill River on East side. The warm weather has raised the Connecticut considerably by melting the snow to the north of us, and the water sets back in Mill River to the upper part of the meadow.

Trees on Mill River are more advanced than any where on the upland; even those standing in the water are so.

Birds seem to like to be near the water — many are about Mill River. Phebes sing there.

Golden Winged Woodpecker. seen & heard for the first time — Several about with their weekup, weekup.

A large Hawk, with white rump, & light colored in many places, seen in meadow.

Butterfly a large brown one seen to day, by me.

White Maples are in full blossom on Mill River; & some trees must have been in blossom several days. Some trees have male flowers, some female, & some have both. Perhaps some flowers are perfect, having both stamens & pistils — I did not notice any such. The flowers are generally in round bunches (or glomerate) on one side or the end of a branch; but some are in a circle round the branch, or in whorls. The pistils are bright red; the stamens light colored, & ¼ inch beyond the rest of the flower; the anthers reddish, green, brown, or black — according to the age probably. 5 little flowers seemed to be in each of the buds; the buds before opening are globular, and of a reddish or rusty color. The trees have a rusty aspect at a distance. Pistillate trees are a little redder than stamenate ones.

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Monday 31. Vegetation — continued

Trees with Catkins.

White Poplars on Mill River have aments or catkins 2 and 3 inches long, & some more, & present quite a lively appearance, with so many pendants fluttering in the breeze.

Alders on Mill River have catkins in all stages from 1/2 inch to 3 inches in length — some trees have a fine appearance. The dry cones of last year still remain on alders — resemble small cones of some evergreens. A month or two ago there were reddish brown catkins on alders from 3/8 to 1/2 inch in length; these must have been formed in the autumn. They now expand in diameter & length, and are in various stages of expansion or blossoming. Some have not changed any. I know not whether these aments are male or female.

Willows — some dark barked Willows on Mill River have catkins an inch long — not fully out. Yellow Willows have no catkins.
One kind of Willow (bark color of Hornbeam) has green catkins. — Willow catkins are not yet pendulous.

Adder's Tongue — the leaves are very plenty, but no flowers yet. P.S. Flowers first opened April 3. very few.

Indian Poke or Itch Weed (Veratrum viride) and Skunk Cabbage — both have large leaves — some 4 inches by 6 inches.

Dock, sorrel, dandelion, Thistle, mullein, & others } show their leaves — leaves begin in the autumn, I suppose.

Coltsfoot (Tussilago farfara) — On the bank west of the Canal, near the Baptist Meeting house, are hundreds of yellow flowers which look like a dandelion, but are smaller. I suppose them to be coltsfoot — must have been in blossom some days. This is an exotic plant, now naturalized. Shows no leaves yet.

* At Mr. Whitmarsh's is a plant, which wintered in the garden, that is full of red blossoms. It is about 12 or 15 inches high, and all the branches are full of flowers. Stem woody.
Daphne sublobata

Chickweed shows little white flowers — have been out some days probably. (Said to flower from March to Nov.

Tulips, Daffodils } The leaves are from 2 to 3 inches high, and some higher.

* Daphne mezereum (mezereon) is the plant in Mr. W's garden. There is one in Mr. Stoddard's door-yard and one in Mr. Allen's dooryard — all full of flowers. The flowers opened 2 or 3 days since; or began to open. Loudon says it flowers in England last week in January. Howitt has it down in March.

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Monday 31 Vegetation — continued

Trees growing on the side-hill between South-street homelots and the meadow. Some of them are very tall.

Common Elm (very few). Bass, many; Butternut, many.
Slippery Elm, a great number of small trees, most of them partially peeled by the children and others.
Chestnut; Oak 2 or 3 kinds; White Poplar or aspen
White Pine, one tree; Walnut, smooth & rough bark.
Maple, white & Sugar, no red maple.
Cherry; Ash, many; Hornbeam or blue beech
Beech, small ones, retain last year's leaves.
2 trees of a species unknown to me.

Shrubs under the Trees or at the edge of the Woods — Alder, elder, brier, White Birch, one.
Sumac; one is 6 inches diameter & 25 feet high or more
Grapes, False Bittersweet & other climbers
Several annual climbing plants, or herbaceous.
Dogwood perhaps — very many from 5 to 12 feet high — last year's growth a smooth brown or hazel; the older parts, the same brown full of white spots; spots a little raised.
On one or two of these small trees (or some similar) I found a number of seed vessels, as large as a walnut or larger, containing 2 or 3 smooth seeds as large as small peas, but not quite round. They were dry & the seeds rattled.
[Bladder nut — see May 12.]

On the side hill between Mr Whitney's lot and the meadow —
Nearly all the trees & shrubs above named are found — some quite tall — & in addition Black and Yellow Birch; Thornbush
Smooth bark Oak, resembles those called English Oak on Round Hill.
On this declivity are many Hornbeams.
Here are Cherries 40 feet high, some with rough bark & some having bark nearly smooth.
The White Poplars are full of pendulous catkins; some 50 feet high. Perhaps not White P.
Hard & White maples, but no red ones.
Slippery Elm here is much peeled by children.
A few low, imperfect laurels.
The berries of False Bittersweet are on one tree 25 feet high — Ironwood grows here.

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Monday 31. Vegetation — continued.

Trees on the side hill between Middle Meadow and the top of Middle meadow Hill.

Bass, Oak, Ash } very many of each of these.

Some white maples, elms, walnuts, cherries, and others.

A great number of annual & perennial climbing plants, and many upright herbs or weeds now dead, some 6 or 8 feet high — the whole forming a tangled thicket in the summer apparently. — calls to mind the thickets noticed by early voyagers, on the sea-shore, or near it. P.S. Perhaps these climbers should be called herbaceous and wood-stem, instead of annual & perennial.

Dogwood (or something else) see last page. There is a kind very common on Mill River and elsewhere, having the last year's growth a beautiful, smooth reddish color; the older parts brown, spotted with white like the other sort. The white on both kinds is on some trees, in short stripes, giving the shrub a little appearance of being striped.

Is this reddish sort the Red Osier or Red-rod (Cornus sanguinea) of Eaton?

One species of Willow? apparently has yellow bark near the ground, & bright red above — very handsome. Small like an osier. Perhaps same as preceding.

Elms. The buds are generally open — some trees nearly in full blossom. Each bud has a number of flowers.

Slippery Elm. Its tomentose (cottony or woolly) buds have been open at the end & displaying a brown cotton for a month or more. The little flowers now appear in the cotton, & resemble those of the white elm. The flower bud is sessile or close to the branch.

The flowers of the common Elm now project ½ inch on green pedicils; the calyx is mostly green but has some red (no corol.) The anthers are reddish & these & the red of the calyx and the brown or russet of the general envelope of the bud, give the tree a reddish-brown appearance, when in full blossom. The green of the seed formation follows.

The flowers of the Slippery Elm do not yet project beyond the common envelope of the bud.

P.S. 3d April. They now project like those of white elm.

Violet or Pansy. The tricolor garden violet is in blossom and probably has been some days.

Liverleaf — a species of anemone or hepatica, with a bluish flower, shows blossoms. (Hepatica Americana of Eaton, I suppose; H. triloba of Dewey. leaves have 3 lobes.

April 1845

Tuesday 1. Warm weather continues; and it rained to-day — A few snow spots appear on the western hills. The roads about the town are generally dry. Some clay roads are not yet dry & hard. Farmers are carting manure into the meadows — (These remarks P.M. after Rain was over.

Grass has started & is green in all rich, warm places — in some places it is 2 or 3 inches high. Clover has advanced.

Crowfoot is 2 or 3 inches high — in some places.

Vegetables in Blossom — White Maple, Elm, Trailing Arbutus, Coltsfoot, Chickweed, Mezereon, Skunk cabbage, ~~violet~~, ~~liver~~leaf. (see back.)

Open Catkins on White Poplar or Aspen, on Alder, and on 2 or 3 kinds of Willow.

Sweet Fern has catkins an inch long, but they are yet hard & close. Must have been formed in the autumn.

Rough-bark Poplar (I cannot tell the species but the buds are resinous & fragrant) has begun to open the catkin buds, and the end of the catkins appears. These buds are resinous or balsamy & fragrant, but much less so than the leaf buds on the same trees.

Willows — The yellow show no catkins but have prominent green leaf buds.

There is a species of rough bark Willows that grow near the Connecticut & Mill River and are 20 & 25 feet high, & 3 to 6 inches thick which show no signs of leaf-buds or catkins. The bark of these, the smallest of them, as well as others, is deeply furrowed.

The Mourning Willow has leaf buds almost ready to open.

Green open leaves appear as yet on only the following wood-stem plants: —

Honeysuckle — & this shows small, very small leaves in the winter. They are now more than an inch long. There is apparently more than one kind; some have red blossoms; some have yellowish fragrant blossoms.

The Gooseberry has small open leaves. Some bushes look green.

The Mezereon has a few open leaves.

Lilac has leaves nearly open or quite, but they are not expanded much. The little pyramids of flower buds are visible.

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Tuesday 1. Vegetation — continued.

Trees & plants which have green buds: or green at the end of the buds —

Pear, Eng. Cherry, High cranberry; (only the tips of these buds green,
Thimbleberry — leaf buds almost ready to open.
Syringa — " do " " do.
Peach — flower buds much swelled — whitish, not green
Roses, high, climbing and some others } leaf buds considerably advanced.
Snowball — do " do.
Hackmatack do " do.
Wild cherry — do " do.

FOREST. Trees in general have not altered their appearance except that the twigs or small new branches always seem to heighten their color after the sap begins to circulate in the spring — the red, yellow, brown, &c twigs ~~become deeper red, yellow, brown, or russet, &c.~~ The mere swelling of buds alters the appearance of the trees a little.

Maples. As to the White Maple see back.
The Sugar maples have not changed their appearance
The Red Maples are not yet in blossom and not red — but the trees seem to have a slight rusty hue — I find it difficult to determine what are red maples

Pines. I find by examining sawmill yards, that yellow pines 2½ feet in diameter are still found in our forests, and White Pines over 3 feet in diameter.

* Turpentine flows from the logs of both sorts of pine — but only from the sap part, or from a circle round the outside, from ¾ to 1½ inch from the inside of the bark towards the heart. It flows more freely apparently from the White Pine than from the Yellow pine.

Red Cedar — one tree about 8 feet high is growing on the backside of Round Hill, near the dingle. It has blue berries. This is the only red cedar I have seen this side of Mount Tom, except those transplanted.

Witch Hazel is very common in the woods and elsewhere. The trees are full of the yellow calyces of last autumn, but no advancement towards fruit. Many of the husks or shells of last year remain.

White Birch has catkins from ½ to 1 inch in length, hard & close. Seem to have been formed last fall.

* The Turpentine in the lower part of the tree flows as above stated; but in the upper part of the tree, a large proportion is sap, and only a small part heart. The Turpentine circle is accordingly & occupies most of the tree in many cases.

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Wednesday 2. Not so warm as in days past.
Sarah Dwight here last night and to-day.
Lent money to Doct. Barrett. see 2 pages back.
Birds — there are, I presume 15 kinds of birds about, and perhaps more. I know the names of only 8 or 9 kinds, besides the winter birds.
Insects — there are many — though not a large number are commonly noticed. Large flies are seen abroad.
Frogs are plenty; have not heard the bull-frog.
The River is quite high, and covers much of the meadow — sets back to the mill dam in Mill River — quite high at S. Street bridge.
Mill River, as near as I could judge, was on the 31st ult. 10 to 12 feet below the top of Middle Meadow Hill; and about 7 feet (not more) below the top of the banks in the upper part of the meadow, where Strongs own both sides. Lyman's swamp about 5 feet above the river, & Parsons' swamp still lower — I mean back water in Mill River, nearly level with the Connecticut. If I am correct Middle Meadow Hill is from 3 to 5 or 6 feet higher than the upper parts of the same meadow, about Mill River.

Thursday April 3. State Fast. Mr Rogers preached A.M. to both congregations, and Mr Clark P.M. I believe there was only this meeting in the village P.M. yet the old Church was very far from being full; Fasting, I suspect, is nearly done with, and attending meeting on Fast day, is far from being general.
The River has fallen some since yesterday, yet it now covers much of the South Meadow and more or less of the other.
Shad, caught near the mouth of the Connecticut were brought here to-day — price 50 cents each.
Sarah Dwight came here Tuesday night — left us to-day.

Friday 4. Ground covered with snow this morning. Some one
Ploughing was begun near the Poor-house on Tuesday, April 1. Perhaps in other warm-dry land.
Gardening. Mr. Hibben began gardening some days ago, and planted some seeds, in warm sandy soil. I suspect no other person has done much if anything at Gardening.
P.S. Ploughing was commenced in North part of meadow by Chester Clark's son, March 31. and he was ploughing there to-day. Others have ploughed uplands, here, and in Easthampton, &c.
April 5. One plough at work on Middle meadow Hill. Ploughing at the community part of the week.

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Friday 4 – continued.

The Flood. The water has fallen since yesterday morning about 2½ feet. It is now 5 feet below the top of the first bridge below Pleasant Street; 1 foot below the 2d bridge, and a little above the third bridge. The water is 4 feet below the bottom of Joseph Clarke's old store-house near the first bridge (the flood of April, 1843, was 3 feet above the bottom of the store house; so 4½ feet higher than this flood yesterday morning.) 5 feet 3 inches below the sill of the late Doct. D. Hunt's barn and 10 feet 4 inches below the top of the plank on South Street Bridge. The back water sets up the brook to widow (Elisha) Mathers garden.

See May 3d 1850

Lyman's Swamp & Parsons' Swamp are several feet under water. Strong's lot east of the river is partly covered with water, but the upper part, which is the upper part of the meadow in that place, is not under water, the bank next to the river being about a foot, or from 10 to 14 inches, above the water in the river. 14 or 15 inches more water would cover this lot, and also the upper part of Col. Strong's lot (the lower part is covered) on the other side of the river, and considerable of Edwin Kingsley's lot, which is above Col. Strongs.

The Connecticut River is about 10½ feet below the lower, outside edge of the bridge, on the Northampton side. It was about 2 feet below in the flood of January, 1839. According to this, the top of the floor of South Street bridge is about the same height with the lower edge of the great bridge, making no allowance for the fall of water below the bridges, before the intersection. The water is falling & runs rather briskly in both streams, which renders all comparisons uncertain.

Saturday 5 The Flood & the Meadow. The water has fallen about 2½ feet more, making in all 5 feet or perhaps 5½ feet. The height to which the water attained may be seen all about the meadow by the straw, chips, sticks and other rubbish which it left on the ground when at the highest, or near it.

Height of different places in the meadow above the water when at the highest:

Middle Meadow Bank or Hill at its junction with Mill River was 3 feet above the water – following the Hill northeasterly, the height gradually increases to 3½ feet, and 4 feet before coming to Hockanum Road. Continuing on it rises to 4½ feet above the water and at the upper end of Middle Meadow was 5 feet above the flood. The upper end of Mid. Meadow is 5 feet below the top of the bank; the lower end much lower.

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Saturday 5 – Flood & meadow – continued.

Bark Wigwam. The lower or most southern part is not so high as middle meadow hill; the bank next to the river was from 1 to 3 feet above the flood; in proceeding northeasterly the bank is higher; – 4 feet, 4½ feet, and 5 feet at the S. W. point of old Rainbow. In proceeding up O. Rainbow Bank, the height increases some, & becomes 6 feet above the late flood opposite the buildings. Some acres there seem to be nearly as high as where the buildings are. The highest point may be a little more than 6 feet above the late flood – perhaps 3 or 4 or 5 inches over 6 feet. The height of the bank diminishes a little above the buildings & where Young Rainbow begins, it is about 5 feet above the flood, perhaps 2 or 3 inches more; and Young Rainbow bank seems to be about the same height for some distance.

This Bank, next to the lower part of Old Rainbow and then of the lower part of Young Rainbow, is higher than the land South West of it and the water tends to the south west, in rains & floods.

There is a low place, swale, or ravine that commences in Barkwigwam Farm, and continues along, first southerly, then southwesterly and finally westerly, forming part of a semicircle, to Lyman's Swamp and Mill River. Water now stands or runs in almost all of this low place. It is sometimes narrow, and in some places 10 or 20 rods wide – has a ditch at the western end. – Below it is another ravine coming from Webb's Hollow, &c; it is united to the first by a ditch, & thus goes into Mill river with the other, that is, its waters.

The water of another low place (but not so low,) empties into the lower part of Lyman's swamp and farther down, water runs into Parsons' Swamp, – the water in all these places running Southwesterly or Westerly towards Mill River.

The land between Lyman's & Parsons' Swamp in the highest places is about 2 feet above the late flood; above Lymans' Swamp, one or two ridges were about 1 foot above the flood, but all above these ridges was below the flood. The land below Parsons' Swamp is higher than that above it; and from the Swamp to Middle meadow Hill, only 3 or 4 ravines were under water in the late flood – not 1/4 of the land.

The Strongs' Lots, before noticed were all under water when it was the highest; the upper parts 15 or 18 inches and the lower parts more than that.

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Sunday 6. Mr. Clark preached again. Sacrament day, meeting-House much fuller than usual.

Monday 7. Sent letter to J.W. by Mr. Metcalf, & to C.P. by S. Dwight. Put one in Post Office for Arethusa, with draft of $68. old Po.

South Meadow, Flood, &c.

The continuation of Middle meadow Bank, S.W. of Mill River, is lower than on the east side. For half a mile southwest, it is nowhere over 2½ feet above the late flood, and varies from 2½ feet to 2 feet, 1½ feet 1 foot, and 0 foot — not much of it over 18 inches. Beyond the half mile, the bank is not above the late flood. Within the half mile, the bank is commonly higher than the land to the N.W. and W. and the water of rains, floods, &c. flows in low places or ravines, towards the West into Old Mill River.

The corner of the meadow, where mill river intersects the bank, is higher than the late flood; & a strip that extends along the bank to the Southwest, and along Mill River to the Northwest is also higher; but the rest of the land is lower, except the tops of a few ridges, and the water that falls on this East or South East part of the meadow runs westerly towards old Mill River.

Ascending along the bank of Mill River about 60 rods from the corner, or bank of Marian Meadow (Middle Meadow bank continued) lowland commences, and a swale corresponds with one on the Eastern side of the river, and except 2 or 3 places of small extent, the bank of Mill River, above the 60 rods, was covered by the late flood; and nearly all the upper part of the meadow. One or two hollows of no great length seem to have emptied themselves easterly into Parsons' swamp, &c. but in general, the waters in the upper & middle part of this end of the meadow, (as well as the lower part) do now or originally did, flow westerly towards Old Mill River.

Lyman's & Parsons' Swamps are both in one on the western part — and the lower part of Lyman's swamp or the greater part of it, & all of Parsons' swamp, are several feet lower, where they join Mill River than the western bank of the river opposite, showing that the present channel of Mill River was cut through these swamps on the western side, next to higher land, except in one place, a piece of the low swamps was left on the west side.

The Hollow or lowland, ~~being an~~ ancient division of a part of this meadow, (viz dividing the upper from the lower part of Elder John Strong's Great Lot & being now at the end of certain lots — sometimes called a brook anciently.) evidently flows towards the west to old Mill River when there is water in it, in a broad hollow.

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Monday 7. South Meadow continued.

The HOLLOW or low land just mentioned, which separates certain lots that commence at Old Mill River from others that extend down to the Meadow Bank or below, turns up not far from present Mill River, & continues some distance not far from the river, (the extreme western bend of this part, it is now filled up by the Rail Road) and unites with the river right opposite the outlet on the lower side of Parsons' Swamp, on the other side; showing, I think, that this swamp formerly emptied its waters, and those that came into it from Lyman's Swamp, by the hollow above noticed, into old Mill River, under the hill back of South Street.

12 or 15 rods in length

The Brook - did it formerly run down through these swamps, and then across Manhan Meadow into Mill River? Present appearances seem to indicate this, but it is not quite certain.

The higher bank on the west side, before noticed, opposite the low lands in Lyman's & Parson's swamps, begins just below the hollow in the lot owned by Saml Parsons and Isaac Clark, and extends down to the lower side of Parsons' swamp; below there, the banks on the two sides of the river correspond with each other as to height, generally - not in every place.

Edwin Kingsley's lot, I perceive, was entirely under water in the late flood, except some spots near the N.E. corner of small extent - The lot of the late Samuel Clark, adjoining was nearly all under water. The land near the deep ravine, in this lot is higher than that of the meadow farther to the southwest - & the bank of Mill River on Colstrong's lot seems to be higher than the lot further west. The land in this meadow, as well as the North Meadow, seems to fall gradually towards the southwest or west, like the bank of Middle Meadow, &c.

[See April 23 & 24. 1847. May 4. 1850. April 1852. May 1. 1854.

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Monday 7. Rail Road — an embankment has been made from the meadow Bank, where are Irish huts, across the low meadow, old mill River and part of the Connecticut; but not yet of sufficient height. It was some injured by the late high water, which swept over it and around it. The earth to make it is obtained on the easterly side, adjoining the new channel of Mill River, &c.

Distances. The distance from the meadow Bank by the huts, to the bank of the Connecticut (as it was before the new channel was
75 made across Hockanum) is about 75 rods
40 by my measure. It is about 40 rods from the bank across the low ground & mill River to a place which corresponds with a deep ravine or gutter in Middle Meadow which was the bank of the Connecticut when Northampton was settled. The rest
35 of the distance, 35 rods or thereabouts is land made since 1654, and so much must have been taken from Hockanum, by gradual washing from one side to the other.

Trees on the side hill or bank South west of Mill River's intersection with the bank — Elm, bass, white maple, poplar, ash, button wood, willow. The willows are the rough bark kind, 20 feet high, standing near the water. Underbrush — alder, sumac elder, climbing plants, &c. — There are some distance from the intersection. On the lower lands are many willows.

Trees on East side of Old Rainbow, near Connecticut river. On the north part, they are all small — are smooth bark willows, 2 sorts; rough bark poplars, limbs & small trees having 5 angles; elms; white maples; alders. Further down the trees are larger, and a large portion are rough bark willows, 20. 25 or 30 feet high (one dead tree is near 40 feet high & 18 inches diameter.) and there are poplars, maples, elms & smooth willows; and very few bass, ash & button wood.

The old Trees on Old Rainbow meadow & on the bank are mostly elms; some white maple, button wood, ash, ~~button wood~~, walnut & butternut, & bass. Several tall poplars on the bank. The most aged trees are elms.

April 1845

Tuesday 8. Cold, winter's day. Windy. The world here and around white with snow. 1/2 or 3/4 inch.

Wednesday 9 Cold morning. Every thing abroad is frozen.

North part of Meadow, & Flood.

The late flood did not go over the bank between the bridge and Young Rainbow; and in Young Rainbow it went over for the space of 10 or 12 rods near the middle & flowed down the meadow in a rather low place. The land each side is higher & was not overflowed.

Old Rainbow bank at the north end is about 6 1/4 or 6 1/2 feet above the late flood. Several places farther east, next to the Connecticut were not overflowed, including one 15 rods wide down almost to the N.E. corner of the meadow. And two or more ridges extending a great distance down the meadow, were not covered by the flood.

Old Rainbow bank is 6 feet higher than flood, for some distance from the north end, and for two thirds of the way down to Bark Wigwam it is from 5 1/2 to 6 feet higher than the late flood.

Young Rainbow bank, where the road crosses it, is 6 1/2 feet higher than the late flood; farther down, 6 1/2, 6. and 5 1/2 feet above the flood. It is in fact but a trifle higher than Old Rainbow bank — not more than 6 inches higher, and perhaps not so much.

The land W. & S.W. of Young Rainbow bank seems to be a little lower, so as to carry the water towards the South and southwest, from nearly all the northern part of the meadow — probably not all.

The late flood set back in two hollows across Samuel Wright's land, E. Graves', land, &c to the road that goes down from Josiah Parsons' barn; and it set back in the hollow on the southeast of Venturer's Field ridge to the above road and above it. This hollow seems to drain a large portion of the north part of the meadow; other hollows do much.

The River is taking away from Northampton and adding to Hadley nearly all the way from the bridge to the N.E corner of Old Rainbow. Below that corner the river is taking from Hadley and adding to Northampton down as far as the island & perhaps farther; the change is the greatest a little below the corner.

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Thursday 10 Warmer, but very smoky.

Vegetation has advanced very little since April 1st or 2d. The weather has been cold & windy.

Venus' Pride – a few blossoms on a warm side hill.

A low flower, I know not its name – on same side hill. The flower is white. Leaves a little mouse-ear like. [Everlasting.

These are the only new flowers I have noticed. See April 1. for those then in blossom.

Catkins – are as they were some days ago.

Bees are very plenty on the willow Catkins that are greenish, & show anthers.

White Maples, or those on Mill River are less reddish-brown than they were. They are more brown than they were – have no more red now than they had 5 or 6 weeks ago. Some anthers are red at first, but become brown.

Red Maples – are less advanced than white ones, but are a little reddish when near by. The red corol & anthers do not project beyond the scales or envelope of the flower bud – but are quite red at the end, which is within the general calyx.

Allen Clark's maples seem to be part red & part white but I find it impossible to discriminate between the two sorts here & elsewhere. Must wait for the leaves.

No Maples are red, some are a little reddish when close to them –

Friday 11. Cool & windy.

Mt. Holyoke. The trees exhibit no red – yet their hue has changed since the spring commenced. Their color depends some on the direction the sun is from them; and is not the same in a cloudy & sunshiny day. The brown, red, purple & lead color of the English forests in March, (as noticed by Howitt) may be seen here in a slight degree – more brown than any thing else but in some positions of the sun, a lead or purplish hue, and a little reddish-brown.

Manhan Meadow. West Part.

The road from the Brickyard (Enos's Gate formerly) to Pynchon's meadow, is, in the low ground, from 7 to 9 feet below the top of the late flood, and the water now flowing across it to the west is still lower – or at least 9 feet – perhaps lower.

There are many swampy places covered with shrubs & trees in this end of the meadow. The bed of old Mill River is very crooked, and the other hollows also; and there are several places where water seems to stand all, or nearly all, the year.

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Friday 11. Manhan Meadow — continued.

Hollows. There are 4 long hollows that cross this meadow from near the present Mill River, from East to west, viz.

No. 1. There is one that comes from near the S. E. corner of this meadow, and another comes from a little higher point, & both unite & form one before they reach the Springfield Road from South-street.

2 One that comes apparently from Parsons' Swamp, & was formerly the great drain of both meadows (subaqk)

3 One still higher, that is very wide 20, 30 or 40 rods & more, & in general not deep — becomes deeper before it reaches the Springfield road, It crooks about considerably, & unites with No 1. & 2 after their junction, The crooks are W. of road.

The union of these three is nearly opposite Jonathan Strong's homelot, and their united stream connects with old Mill River opposite the old homelot of Benjamin Edwards. Water is now running in each of the three towards the west. There are long kind of ponds in each of them, where the ground is lower than it is east and west of these ponds. The water in these hollows west of the Springfield road is now about 8 feet below the top of the flood, judging from grass & rubbish lodged in the limbs of bushes and trees. The lower parts of the meadow, that are not swampy, west of the Springfield road were from 5 to 6 feet under water when the flood was on — as Between the hollows are pretty high ridges, & the tops of these were in some places a little above the flood, but west of the road they were all covered. The high ridges are East of the road.

4 This comes from the vicinity of present Mill River and formerly emptied into old Mill river a little east of the Springfield road. The water, when high enough, finds its way into No. 3. The water is now too low to flow off & forms a long pond of standing water.

There are other hollows, not so deep nor so long as these; especially a very crooked one near the end of Col. Strongs lot below Maple Street, that needs further investigation.

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Friday 11. Manhan Meadow — continued.

Trees & shrubs in the swamps and about them, & by the side of the hollows, near the western part of this meadow: — Elm, ash, bass, soft maple, poplar, willows, smooth & rough barked; alders; the bush with handsome red tops, and bottoms yellow, or spotted, very plenty; and standing on the edge a little higher, oak, walnut, butternut.

There are several places where water stands nearly all of the year; these are almost covered with a shrub 4 or 5 feet high, which has some of the marks of a willow, but may be something else.

Pynchon's Meadow probably was not all covered by the flood — perhaps most of it was above the water.

Saturday 12. Still cool & windy. No progress in vegetation. Walked with Hall down to the Irish huts, and thence across to Hockanum island, and on the embankment beyond the island so far as it has been carried towards Pascommuck Shore.

Color of certain trees. All the upper parts of the button wood are white; in some cases a chalky white. — The upper parts of the yellow willow are yellow; in many cases a bright yellow. — The red top bush which I have before noticed, shows its delicate red at some distance. Some rose-bushes have a similar appearance. The upper parts of small peach trees & the new twigs of larger ones are reddish; also the new branches of soft maples (white or red or both) towards their ends. — These colors all belong to the bark.

Sunday 13. Rev. Aaron Warner preached, A.M. & P.M. F. Douglass lectured in the Town Hall in evening on anti-slavery.

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Monday 14 Vegetation has advanced but little since the first or second of April — almost 2 weeks. The weather has been cold & windy

Leaves.

Honeysuckle, Gooseberry, Lilac } had open leaves April 1. Have altered but little since. Lilac flower buds are purple, but leaves still cleave to most of them, & not fully op

Flowering Currant (yellow blossoms) had leaves open about the first of April.

Thimbleberry, black & white, Raspberry, foreign } have open leaves.

Currant — a few leaves are open, small & reddish. Most of the leaf buds are not open.

Rose bushes — some kinds have a few open leaves.

Syringa — a very few open leaves, or opening — not quite open

Crab apple shows very small leaves.

Pyrus Japonica or Japan Quince — has open red leaves, and large red flower buds.

Brier — some sorts have open leaves.

Elder — one species (at least) has open leaves.

Wildcherry, smooth bark with white spots — leaves nearly open.

Flowers.

Those plants in blossom April 1 and April 10. are so still, viz. Common & Slippery Elm, White Maple, Coltsfoot, T. Arbutus, Chickweed, Mezereon, Skunk cabbage, violet, Liverleaf, Adder-tongue (see March 31.) Venus' pride & another small flower, (see April 10.)

Red Maple, or maples having the whole calyx, pistil and anther red (and corol if they have one) have open blossoms and have had, on some trees, for several days. The pistillate flowers are the reddest.

Elm. The anthers are brown and the whole flower is less reddish-brown than it was. The green is not much developed, but shows itself a little as the reddish departs.

Daffodils, yellow, are in blossom (Talbot's & Bright's) both the common and the cup daffodil. Both yellow.

Hyacinths in blossom at Talbot's. Various colors, viz. those that were wintered in the garden under straw, &c.

Crocus, yellow, white & blue, are in blossom at T. & B.'s. These are early flowers — just above the ground — have been in flower some days.

Crown Imperial is a foot high.

Flowers found on Mt Tom, April 15.

2 Dandelions, in a low, warm, wet place

1 Potentilla, or 5 finger, yellow. Venus pride, plenty.

Liverleaf, T. Arbutus, and a sort of mouse ear, — plenty.

April 16. Blood root — found one blossom (Fort-hill.

Dutchman's breeches — flower not quite open

Blue violets, wild, are plenty.

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Monday 14. Went over to Hockanum to bro. Johnson's thence round the mountain to the northside where I ascended it to the steep part, to view the sorts of trees, the land, &c. Continued some distance to the north-east and came down upon Lawrence's plain & followed the road towards the mills on Fort River — then turned to the river across the plain, and followed the river to the Hockanum road, & returned to bro. Johnson's & Northampton

Did not see a flower on the ground (some on maples & elms) but was not looking for flowers. Vegetation not so forward on north side of Mount Holyoke as in Northampton.

White and Red Maples. I did not find these in the woods on Mt. Holyoke, nor could I see any on this mountain range to the east-ward of Lawrence's plain. I found some in the cleared lands near the woods, & observed some in the edge of the woods, close to the cleared land — not many. There are none back of the houses in Hockanum street, and farther north there are very few & these close to the pastures or in them. They are evidently not mountain trees. Sugar maples are common.

I observed on this side the river, when the sun was behind a cloud, that the deciduous forests on Holyoke & Tom had the purplish glow and leaden color mentioned by Howitt in regard to English forests in spring.

Evergreens occupy the upper or rocky part of the mountain, & some are scattered among the deciduous trees below. They seem to occupy the rocky region because it is rocky and not because it is high.

[Some things in regard to Holyoke will be found under Mount Holyoke & Mount Tom in another book.]
vol. Natural History No. 2, pages 24. 45.
See Aqua Vitae April 29.

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Tuesday 15. Warmer - still windy.
Miss Smith left us today - has been here 27 days.

Mount Tom. I rode down to the brook below Asahel Lyman's - walked down to late Lewis Smith's - crossed the lots to a broken range of hills on the east side of Mt. Tom; followed these hills back to the Road where the above brook crosses it - pursued the road some distance then crossed to the steep part of the mountain; examined the north part of the mountain for some distance - came into road again & went round by Fort Plain to the Manhan - walked up the Manhan some distance; returned to the bridge & came home through Nashawannock, Pynchon's meadow, &c. Walked 5 or 6 miles probably. See another book for cedars, and other trees; long valley, &c.

Red & White maples, do not appear on Tom any more than on Holyoke. A few scattering trees, and these chiefly at the edge of the woods.

The purple hue, I noticed very distinctly on both Tom and Holyoke, in the afternoon, when the sun shone brightly - in some places having a slight reddish tinge. I used to attribute this reddish hue to the maples, but it was more distinct in chesnut woods than any where else, and where there were no white nor red maples. Hard maples may be there - not many.

Trees near Manhan.

At the mouth, & running up the ravines, east of the Road - some stately butternuts, ash, maple, chesnut, button-wood, poplar.

Higher up the Manhan, below the road that crosses Fort Plain, on a flat that is annually flooded - rich land - grow tall trees from 60 to 75 feet high. & not very large - mostly white maple, buttonwood and elm - showing that these three sorts of trees are natural to & thrive in alluvial lands which are now & then inundated. Among them are some ash trees, equally high; & on the edge, some butternuts 60 feet high, I should think; and some oaks and bass.

In the steep banks of Fort Plain (this plain seems to be 30 or 40 feet above the Manhan) near the tall trees just noticed, grow large & tall poplars (roughish bark below) ash, bass, butternut, maple (perhaps white & hard) black birch, oak, white pine, walnut, spotted wood with smooth brown branches - some elms at foot of hill.

Above the bridge on bank, on ground often inundated, are white maples chiefly - some button wood, elm & ash.

Bank of Old Mill River or Danks Pond at Nashawannock - walnut, oak, ash, elm, butternut, bass - At north end mostly chesnut - some maple, birch, poplar.

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Tuesday 15. Punchon's Meadow.
The North East side is higher than the S.W. side — and the inclination of the meadow, for the most part is from N.W. to S.E. corresponding with the low land on the S.W. side & not with that on the N.E. side. There may be some exceptions as to the inclination on N.W. and S.W. side. The northeast side in the lower part is from 1 to 2 feet above the late flood; in higher & N.W. part from 2 to 3 or 3½ feet above.
N.E. of upper End is a large tract of deluged land; the water full of the shrubs before noticed; and the drier places full of other shrubs and small trees. The red tops or red rods are conspicuous in places; also the reddish tops of small maples in other spots — both look handsome.
Butterflies — large black or brown wings, with white edges, are observed.
Ploughing is going on at Lower Farms.

Wednesday 16 Not windy — but cloudy. Vegetation moves very slowly.
Thursday 17 Rainy & cold — " " " "
Friday 18 Cloudy — " " " "
Saturday 19 Cloddy — " " " "
Partridge. I heard one drum in vicinity of Broad Brook.
Sowing. Some are sowing oats.
Canal is open. A boat arrived.
Sunday 20 Mr. Lyman of E. Hampton preached. Cool. Cloudy
Monday 21. Mostly cloudy; a little sunshine for the first time in 6 days. Some warmer.
Put letter in new mail for Apphia & Penimah.
Vegetation has advanced but a little for a week past, nor indeed for 3 weeks. The season is not so forward as it was April 15, 1844.
Grass has altered more than any thing else, and is generally green on good lands — in some places 2, 3 or 4 inches in height — (3 or 4 inches near buildings.)
Pastures. People are driving young cattle out to pasture on the hills. Some were driven out last week.
Sowing of oats — has been going on some days — but the greater part not yet sown, perhaps.
Ploughing goes on, on meadow & uplands.
Dandelions & cowslips gathered for greens — neither in blossom yet.
Apricots. Blossoms appear on Charles Smith's tree, close to his house. None on Wm. Parsons' tree.
Apple trees. A very few show small leaves, but in general the buds are not open.
Leaves open on those trees which are named as having open leaves April 14, but scarcely any addition is to be made to the number as yet.
Syringa leaves are not fully open yet.
Currant. Only a small part of the leaves are open.
Lilac. Not half the leaves are yet open; but shrubs are green.
Gooseberry is more green than any other plant.
Honeysuckle has large leaves, but is not so green as gooseberry.

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Vegetation continued.

Monday 21.

Flowering currant – almost as green as gooseberry
Grass – one kind near the edge of woods, has a spiked head, and shows anthers.
Mourning Willow – shows small catkins as well as leaves.
Willows – low species are handsomely arrayed in catkins.
Wild Flowers, only those o mentioned April 14, have been noticed.
Venus' Pride is becoming plenty, but does not yet make a show, nor cover acres, as it will sometime hence.
Horse Chesnut. The calyx or involucre of the bud has opened, but not the bud itself.
Garden Flowers – same as April 14, and may be added the Periwinkle, which has begun to blossom.
Crown Imperial (Polly Pomeroy's) is 2 feet high, with large buds, almost ready to open.
Ash. One kind is full of dark-colored bunches.
Maples on Mill River, which I have called white. The staminate flowers have nearly all fallen. Some of the pistillate flowers remain & seem to be forming seeds. The germ is pubescent or cottony. The pistils and upper part of the calyx were red – the rest green. The red seems to fade & the green to increase. Most of the flower buds on these maples grew around the end of a twig, several buds forming a round head, with one leaf bud at the top. But some of the buds grew around the limbs in whorls. Each bud enclosed 5 flowers. The leaf buds (some of which are almost ready to open) are enclosed in rusty or reddish scales, as the flower buds were, and these with the reddish ends of the branches give the trees a slight rusty appearance.
The Maples on uplands are considerably later than the meadow maples; the red may be in full blossom – they differ much in redness. Some have pedicel, calyx, corol if they have any, stamens & anthers red, or pistils instead of stamens. In some, pedicels and anthers are green; and in some the lower part of the calyx is green, like those in the meadow. Are these two sorts, red & white, or only one? Pistils are a bright red in both sorts.
Poplars. The aspens have lost their dangling catkins. The rough bark poplars (some quite large & tall – one on bank of Connecticut near Hockanum Ferry) have not fully disclosed their catkins. They are from 1½ to 2 inches long, as large as my little finger, and have a mixture of red & green or white. The young branches of these trees are 5 angled. They love water.

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Vegetation, &c. continued. April 21.

21. Peacocks are noisy at sunset and sunrise.

Elms - are very little green. They have lost their reddish brown.

Rhubarb in the garden - shows its large round beds, which are filled with leaves; here & there the end of a leaf is seen. (In long grass.)

Winter Rye looks green & fresh generally.

Dock. The bloody dock shows its handsome red veined leaves - some 2½ inches wide and 4½ inches long.

Tuesday 22 Pleasant day - Sent Letter to J. P. Dabney, in reply to his.

Spring Beauty (Claytonia virginica) in blossom on Fort Hill. Flower white C. spathulafolia. Dewey. [Spring]

A white flower; the leaves 3 pointed or lobed, middle point longest - grows on Nathl. Clark's pasture. Parkman & I found the same species there last year - perhaps an anemone. [See April 28.

5 Finger or Potentilla, with yellow flower on same pasture. Same species that I found on Mt. Tom last week.

A plant has green leaves & had a week since; it has the old seed head on - seems a spiraea or hard-hack

Barberries - some have open leaves; some not started.

Cherry trees 4 feet high - show the end of racemes.

Visited Mount Tom, West side. Went round on the outside of Hulbert's Pond, near old Common fence to Nashawannock, thence upon Fort Plain, &c. to Alanson Clark's (formerly a Jones house) he went with me up the Mountain to the old Bela Parsons' Barn, orchard, cellar &c. Thence ascended higher bearing to the S.W. and continued on near half a mile, to the highest part of the first height S.W. of the lower land where the barn is. Here the rock is perpendicular towards N.W. or W. 100 feet or more and there is a good prospect from Southampton to Whately & beyond. I could see, over the highest point of Pomeroy's Mountain, a range of higher hills beyond. In some places, could see several towns eastward of the mountain - could see higher land over the top of the eastern part of Holyoke. I came back along the side of the mountain just in edge of cleared land to near north end, & descended to Capt. Thads. Parsons' and thence came home.

The River has been raised several feet by late rains but is now falling. Pynchon's Meadow is now almost an island.

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Tuesday 22 – continued.

Chesnuts have the branches of last year's growth a smooth brown, or a little hazel, or reddish brown, and leaf buds have reddish brown scales – very little reddish however about twigs or buds. – At a distance, in the sun they have lead color, or purplish, or a slight tinge of reddish brown, on Tom & Holyoke.

Chesnuts on Holyoke as seen in Hadley, seem to occupy the whole of the lower or less steep part of the mountain to the eastern extremity; the whole range has the same appearance as that part which I visited, viz, Chesnut, & other deciduous trees & a few evergreens, but mostly chesnut on all the lower part of the mountain; and evergreens with some others, on steep, rocky part, or upper part.

Wednesday 23 I am this day 56 years old.

Visited to day Hadley Meadow, Mount Warner &c

Nat. Hist. 2. 38 to 43. From the bridge followed the bank of the meadow northerly & then easterly round to Hadley Middle Street to see the operations of the river; then went up to Coleman's brook and followed the old common fence of 40 acre skirts up to the Mill dam at School Meadows. Then ascended Mt Warner and descended southerly and came home.

Ploughing is going on briskly in Hadley Meadow. Some sowing is done; and some is to do.

Cutting up Broomstalks, raking them into rows and burning them, has been going on in Hadley, Northampton and Hatfield for a week or two. Some plough them under, & do not burn them.

Rye. There is much in Hadley and it looks well. In some places it is 4 or 5 inches high.

Red Maples are plenty in Hadley – in the street, on the low lands, by water courses, &c. Some are quite brilliant. They are abundant on the wet or moist lands east & southeast of Mount Warner, and elsewhere – none in meadows, but a few white ones on bank of Connecticut whose blossoms have fallen.

Hard maples are seldom found in Hadley. There are some in the street.

Vegetation in Hadley, about as this side. I saw no wild flowers, but Venus Pride, and a bell flower, white, growing on a low woody shrub – perhaps a whortleberry

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April 24 Vegetation. Warm day.

Eng. Cherries - have some open leaves - also the general calix of a cluster of buds open in some cases, disclosing either 2 or 3 flower buds.

Pears. The leaves around flower buds are open on some trees; the leaf buds not open.

Apples. Leaves are open on some trees - most are not open.

Peaches. Leaves of small trees that have no flower buds are open in some instances; those of flowering trees not open. Flower buds plenty and plump.

Quince, Hawthorn, Snow ball, Mt. Ash } There have a few open leaves, but most are not open. Snowball more advanced.

Horsechesnuts - Some open leaves, and many opening, but most are not open.

Syringa. Not more than fully open now.

Alders. Leaves are opening.

Yellow Willows - are full of leaves and catkins an inch long within the leaves. Trees have a yellowish green appearance - look handsome.

Weeping willow - not quite so forward as yellow. Catkins 1/2 inch

High Cranberry. Buds are opening

Currants. Not half the leaf buds open yet.

Shadbush - shows racemes of buds - no flowers. Racemes not much spread yet (are panniculs.)

Cherry - a sort 2, 3, 4 & 5 feet high, & more - shows the end of racemes - both sides of river; some have open leaves.

1 A bush - latest twigs brown - old ones striped with brown and white - body roughish & whitish - looks like a syringa or like a barberry - shows a raceme that is not much disclosed yet. [See May 12. also May 1. & 5. & 8.

2 A bush - with whitish bark on twigs & body - with old seed vessels of last year in racemes - grows with the other, but has no green buds yet. Perhaps it belongs to Spiraea genus. [See May 1. & 8. June 12.

Snowberry - has open leaves.

Cherry; smooth bark with white spots - quite green and shows flower buds.

Worms have built nests on wild cherries.

3 A bush - by mill River & under Fort Hill - has good sized open leaves - ovate, acute at both ends. Has within leaves a globular pile of flower buds - perhaps a catkin - bark resembles witch hazel, or a small elm - about 10 feet high. Last year's seed hangs on it; a hard ovate flatted seed. [Aviburnum]

4 The bush with a seed box & seeds, noticed before, under Fort Hill, shows racemes of buds, or many buds together; seems to be the same as the first bush above noticed. [See March 31; May 1 and 12

5 The bush with very smooth brown branchlets is not the same as No 1. above, or No 4. Has handsome spotted body and spotted limbs - noticed several times before. Leaves are beginning to open. [Dogwood]

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Wednesday 24 – Vegetation – continued

Adder Tongue
Blood Root
Dutchmans breeches
Liver leaf
} These are very plenty. The adder tongue covers acres.
Dielytra or Corydalis cucullaria, folio weed is the plant called Dutchmans breeches.

Strawberry – found several blossoms fully open, today under Fort Hill.

Poplars. Some rough bark on Mill River have large red catkins, 2 to 3 inches long, and pendulous; they make a grand appearance. Near by are poplars with the same bark as the other, with handsome green catkins.

Poplars with white smooth bark on Mill River, which look just like those that had brown catkins a month since, are full of greenish catkins. Also, tall poplars on side hill near Mr. Whitmarsh's land.

Maples – Those on Mill River have no redness from flowers. Some leaves are open and very many are opening. Some of these maples (white I call them) are ~~below or~~ in Maple Street along by old Mill River. I see none in the higher part of village.

Red Maples are conspicuous – on plain by J. P. Graves; near John Wright's; near Judge Lyman's in front of old church; near Mr Lewis's blacksmith shop, & by Mr Watson's house, and in other places. Those on bank of Canal & by Allen Clerks may be all red maples – I am not certain, as some have a calyx mostly or partly green. They are seen in wet lands, & by small streams and elsewhere. They are in blossom much later than those on Mill river – 3 or 4 weeks later this year; usually not so much difference.

Trees on Mill River, in or out of the water, are quite as forward as in any part of the town.

Hard Maples – a few are opening leaves, though in general, they are far from it.

A tree a little below S. L. Hinckley's is opening its leaves – some are open. It is said to be a locust but is not a Gleditschia; nor a Robinia apparently. Can it be the Rose acacia, a species of Robinia? [See May 1.

Red Maples have flower pedicels an inch long – and grow more showy.

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Wednesday 24 Vegetation continued.

Brook Willows — one species of low willows is green with leaves. The black sort, so common by river, &c, is as it was — no apparent advance.

A plant which has had green leaves for 10 days or more (may be a Spiræa) is found on Mill River. Old seed head is on it. see April 21. [meadow sweet.]

Butternuts — buds are swelling & some leaves opening. Catkins ½ inch long on some trees.

Walnuts have swelled buds only.

Tulip Tree — two lower leaves of the bud (calyx?) are open & the snake's-head bud is prominent but not open.

English Elms — have altered very little.

False Wake Robin (Trillium erectum) is in blossom on Fort Hill.

Other Wild Flowers are out at Fort Hill, whose names I know not. One species has leaves like the wild columbine but has a small, mean flower. One has a small white flower.

Colic Weed (Dielytra or Corydalis cucullaria) is the plant vulgarly called Dutchman's Breeches. I have seen it only at Fort Hill, & Maple Street where old Mill River crosses it. Root is a collection of small tubers.

Peony — plants are 4 or 5 inches high.

Nettles are gathered for greens.

Eggs are plenty at 10 cents a dozen — or have been.

Poplars — on Mr Williston's home lot by the brook is a rough bark poplar with green catkins 3 or 4 inches long and fragrant leaf buds.

Willows — on same lot by brook, are yellow willows with leaves & catkins; a brook willow with leaves & catkins, and another kind, with neither leaves nor catkins.

Flower pots at windows & other places are very abundant — many at houses of mechanics, farmers, & some at houses of laborers.

Tulips. A dwarf variety, 4 or 5 inches high, shows blossoms. The colors are brilliant. Mr Bright's garden.

Apricots. Charles Smith's tree is full of blossoms. (See April 21.) Dr. Hall's small tree has blossoms. Wm Parsons' also.

Dandelions. 2 blossoms to day on the southern side of a warm bank, at Mr. Brights.

Barn Swallows appeared to-day, with their twittering notes. [Again 25th, 26th &c.

Season is no more forward than April 15 last year as to most things.

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Friday 25 Vegetation. The warm weather of yesterday and last night has made a wonderful change in vegetation — in buds, leaves, &c. More than many days previous made.
To day not so warm, but still a progress in vegetation. Mr Bisbee & wife & child here. Thunder Shower in evening

Saturday 26. Vegetation advancing.

Green shrubs and trees. Honeysuckle (leaf is reddish green) gooseberry, lilac, syringa, Willow (3 kinds, viz yellow, mourning, and a brook willow — leaves and catkins come out together) some spiraeas (I call them) wild cherry (two or three kinds — dwarf kind has reddish leaves) Crab-apple, some apple, barberry, thimbleberries & briers (some) flowering currant,

Greenish. Many apple trees, some pears. Eng. cherry, thornbush, snowball, snowberry, hackmatack, elms & slippery elm (not much) currants, some maples on mill river (or reddish green) — shadbush (has reddish leaves) poplars with green catkins, Rose bushes (some). Japan quince, common quince.

Shadbush has the racemes or panicles considerably spread; buds show white ends — no blossoms.

Poplar. The great tree on the bank, a few rods below South Street bridge, has green catkins. The red of those noticed 2 days ago is almost gone, and they are greenish. The red seems to be the stamens or anthers of the staminate flowers and the green pistillate flowers. Both kinds are by the canal, in rear of South street lots.

6 A bush by Mr. Whitmarsh's lane, is full of yellow blossoms & buds close to branches. [Spice bush. see April 30.

7 A bush by same lane — is leafing. May be a kind of maple. Had racemes last year. Greenish striped bark. [See May 1.

Elms are but little green; and the leaf buds make part of what is green or greenish.

Daffodils, yellow, cup & common, are very abundant. Some white ones (not jonquils.) shaped like the yellow.

Maples. A tree standing in front of Chauncey Clark's garden, with all the appearance of hard maple, has leaves of considerable size, larger than any on Mill River. There are a few other like this. They seem not to have had any blossoms. What are they? Sugar maple.

Apricots. Mrs. Cochran's 3 trees are in full bloom; Simeon Clapp's 1 tree about the same. Ch. Smith's Dr Hall's, and Lyman Kingsley's similar; Wm Parsons not quite full. J. D. Whitney's & Henshaw tree full.

Pear Trees from Europe were sold at auction to day looked well — just imported. Brought 75 cents, $1. &c

April 1845

Saturday 26 continued. Freshet

The present flood comes from rain and melted snow at the north. It is not very high; seems to have attained its height. Is from 4½ to 5 feet below the flood of April 2d.

The water is about 7½ feet below the top of the first bridge in mea Low; 3 to 3½ feet below the adjoining bank in Strong's lot East side and Strong's lot west side of Mill River; 2½ to 1½ feet below western part of Lyman's Swamp; and 1 to 2 feet below western part of Parson's Swamp. Is 2 to 2½ feet below its Eastern bank in Ann Clarke's lot; is 2 feet below the entrance of old Mill River, back or N.E. of Maple Street.

The flood of April 2d was in Ann Clarke's lot 2 to 2½ feet high above the bank, and so much against the R Road embankment; and was up to the stone wall under the east end of her house, or 5½ to 6 feet below the sill of that part of the house. It was about 3 feet above the entrance into old mill river. Was not above bank of 2d ditch, lower part.

Connecticut now sets back to South Street bridge or near it — not much farther if any.

Sunday 27. Mr. . . . . from . . . . . preached; a pretty smart preacher.

Flowers.

Gooseberry, old sort, has flowers — had yesterday.
Currant — shows flowers.
Peach — blossoms open at Sam'l Williams & elsewhere. Some ~~more~~ open yesterday. Many almost open.
Eng. Cherry. Open blossoms on S. Wells tree, & others.
Flowering Currant. Shows blossoms at Watsons &c.
Barren Plum — has abundance of white buds — not yet open.
Polyanthus, so called, but is something else, has flowers. {Talbot & others.
[It is the cowslip primrose.]

Monday 28. Maples — (Warmest day this year.

Red maples. Trees with staminate flowers are shed during the flowers & look less red. Pistillate trees shed some flowers; where they continue & form seed, the trees are quite red. Leaves of red maples are beginning to open.

Four trees before G. Patterson's house are red maple. Most of the trees between E. Williams & Watson's are red maples — a few are hard maples — possibly one or two are white (no)

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Monday 28 Vegetation – continued

Hard Maples – all the maples on Elisphalet Williams' barn lot are sugar maples. Yet a few have only swelled buds, many are beginning to open leaves, and some have open leaves and look green. I observe the same difference in hard maples elsewhere, and even more, for very many trees have hardly altered since winter.

Red Maples grow along up Blackpole brook and the wet dingles connected with it – not thick, here & there one; many are growing about the farm-house west of Round Hill & by the side of the lane out to Elm Street, which were set there. All the maples from Allen Clark's to Widow Increase Clark's, I think now, are Red Maples.

In looking towards the hills & higher grounds westerly very few red maples appear, & but few even in the lower grounds.

Maples on Mill River are generally in leaf, or have open leaves, but the leaves are not large – are reddish on upper side, viz. white maples.

Shadbush. Found a small tree with some open blossoms on side hill east of upper mill pond. Hall also brought in some blossoms.

Anemone nemorosa. Found these in blossom to-day. Same as the "white flower" noticed April 22. Some found them were reddish, but most are white. Name low Anemone, or Wood anemone, I suppose. 3 leaves & 1 leaf on a stalk.

White Violet – is plenty in Mr. Stoddard's woods – one petal of the 5 is partially striped – the 4 others white.

Asparagus – just begins to appear above ground.

Egg Plum – begins to open its leaves.

White Poplar – some trees show leaves trembling in the breeze: other trees have no leaves.

Roughbark Poplars have no leaves.

Wild Cherry – a tree 2 feet in diameter, by the fence between Elm Street and Stoddard's Woods. Leaves open.

Rattlesnake Leaf – this handsome plant is found in the woods – appears early. I saw it weeks ago. It is one of the species of Goodyera – probably repens. Not in flower. The leaves, I believe, live through winter.

Bobolink. I saw & heard one to-day – was near him and heard him go through his jingling song several times. He was white on rump, top of wings & back inst. & yellowish white on back part of his head. It is very early for these birds. I found but one.

Elms. Some trees have open leaves – not the flowering ones.

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Monday 28 Vegetation — continued

Oaks on Mill River have horizontal branches, or those that hang down a little; they now show large buds, which enclose several catkins, the ends of which appear.

Peach, Eng. Cherry } Many trees have a few blossoms — none have many.

Grass. One species of low grass about garden walks, &c. has panicles and even anthers. This may be Poa annua. Also is abundant in wet ground below our garden. Another kind near the house shows a spiked head — no anthers yet — perhaps Vernal grass.

Chimney Swallows appeared today, many of them.

Martins are about today. I believe I heard them 2 or 3 days ago, but am not certain.

Babe's Breath — is in blossom apparently.

Gooseberry — new sort, has flowers

Worms' nests appear on Fruit Trees.

Barren Plum begins to flower — (Hopkins)

Crown Imperial, (Polly Pomeroy's) has several nodding blossoms — may have been out a day or two.

Tuesday 29. Visited the bank of Aqua Vitae meadow in Hadley from the bridge down to where the rather high water obstructed my passage opposite the houses at lower end of Hadley street, west side. The water, though it has fallen some — perhaps a foot, since the 26th, sets back by the bank on N. side of this meadow, almost as far as the bank goes & covers the lower part of meadow.

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White Maples there, in leaf — flowers gone } as on Mill River in N.H.
Elms — " many have leaves
Button wood " has only swelled buds
Poplars — rough bark, trees with red catkins, and others with green catkins, latter have seed formation, as in N.H. Red Catkins have lost most of redness.
Willows & dwarf cherry — as in Northampton.

Green House Flowers in pots were sold at auction today. Such a sale takes place here every year, of Green House Plants.

Brown Thrush appears, & sings.
King-bird — is seen to-day.

April 1845

Wednesday 30 — Vegetation.

Shad-flower — is abundant on bank of Mill River above upper Mill, & above old tannery, on the side hills; & in the edge of woods elsewhere. Some about houses in the village. Many of the bushes are quite white & conspicuous; others have but just begun to blossom. Some are 15 feet high.

Dandelions — many on warm banks & side hills; none, or very few, elsewhere.

Spice-bush or Fever-bush (at Mr. Whitmarsh's) is full of yellow flowers, which most cover the branches — no leaves. This is No. 6. under April 26.

Sassafras — leaves not quite open

Tulip tree — leaves are open, some of them.

Elms — are no more than greenish — some hardly that — buds, leaves & seeds make the green.

English Elm — has only swelled buds.

Slippery Elm — has green seeds & the red style at the end.

Witch hazel — leaves begin to open a little. The yellow calyx of last fall has a green beginning of seed at its bottom.

Butternut — leaves of some trees are opening

Walnut } Buds are swelled — some almost ready to open.
Pignut } but most are not so.

Button wood — has only swelled buds.

Alder — some leaves do open & of some bigness. Most not open.

Poplar (aspen) some have leaves; some catkins; some both; some neither.

Poplar (Rough bark) some have catkins; some not; some have opening leaves; some not.

Willow. yellow has leaves, & catkins from 1½ to 2 inches long.
" mourning " " & " " 1 to 1¼ " "
" black near water, — has swelled buds — nothing else.
" Other kinds have catkins or leaves, or both.

Ash — shows only purple bunches and green buds.

Hornbeam or Blue beech — shows reddish catkins, and leaf buds which will soon open. Some open on Fort Hill.

Iron Wood. has small leaves — corded, or ridges and furrows, like alder leaves. (Mr. Joy's.) Has long catkins (Whitmarsh.

Oaks. Those by the fence North of Church's now Joy's Round Hill lot, are not English Oaks as I have called them in years past, but were taken from the woods about here. They are smooth bark, have large leaves & large acorns.

English Oak. There is one real English Oak on the south side of Joy's lot; the lower limbs incline down to near the ground, the upper ones are more erect. The bark is like white oak but is of a darker color. Buds not open.

White Oak has swelled buds, & others on Round Hill

The Oaks by Mill River are quite as forward as any but none have open leaves there, or elsewhere,

April 1845

Wednesday 30. Vegetation continued.

Chesnut trees have only swelled buds.
Beech trees have very long swelled buds, some are opening at Fort Hill's
Horse Chesnut. Some trees are quite green and show flower buds in pyramids of 2 or 3 inches in length; others have the leaves only partially open.

Hawthorn trees, in hedges & alone, are green with leaves and show flower buds. A tree standing alone looks like an apple tree.

Wild Cherry — of 3 or 4 kinds; trees are green with leaves, and all show flower buds.

Fruit Trees. There will be a great blowth this season. The ice of last winter did fruit buds no harm, or branches not broken.

Apricots — are passed the full blossom a little.
Peaches — many blossoms to be seen, but not 1/10 of flower buds are yet open.

English Cherry — in same state as the peach.
Gooseberry — old kind about full; new kind later.
Currants — not half in blossom; that is, not half of blossom buds open.
Crab-Apple — quite green — flower buds are conspicuous, but will not open for some days
Apple trees. Many are green & most are greenish. Blossoms will not be out this week.

Pears — like the apple.
Quinces — leaves abundant.
Barren Plum — quite white with flowers and buds.
Egg plum — has green leaf buds (some open) & large flower buds —
Blue plum — has green leaf buds & green flower buds. Mr. S's
Wild plum (in meadow, &c.) — flower not open.

Wild flowers — several kinds before noticed, & some new kinds whose names I do not know.
Venus Pride is plenty — but will be more abundant.
Violets blue are very plenty; white plenty in woods.

The season is 6 or 7 days behind last year, but is early enough.

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Money Matters

May 1	Balance from April account		40.74
22	Azariah Clapp paid his note of Dec. 11. $400 principal; 10.73 interest		410.73
22	Doct. Wm. Hooker paid on his note		12.00
			$463 47

Payments.

May 1	Cash paid out latter part of April and not entered before — Eggs 12 doz. & 2. at 10 cents		1. 22
	Meat 21c. Butter 21c 3 Letters 18c. Lime 6c		0. 66
	Rods 6c. Cheese 17c. 9 lbs Indian meal 18c		0. 41
	Meat 12½ & 16c. Toll at Bridge 8c. Snuff 8c		0. 45
	Mending shoes 8c — do. table 12c. Beans 12.		0. 32
	Mrs. Salisbury, washing, &c.		0. 70
	Something 1c.		0. 01
			3. 77
1	Meat 16c. for Hall. 12 lbs Graham flour 36c		" 52
2	Broom 17c. Cheese 10c. 1 broom 12		" 39
3	Paid Mrs. Durant for 50 quarts of milk from March 10th to May 1st inclusive at 4cts.		2. 00.
5	Mr Durant, work in garden & manure & carrying manure & shaking carpet		1. 75
	Paid Hall for silk and twist		0. 81
6	Meat for Hall 14c. Sands 4c		0. 18
6	Paid Dan'l Kingsley's bill for cloth & trimmings: — for Coat, pendaloons, & vest & cutting: viz. 3⅝ yds blue brd. cloth at 3$ — 10. 87		
	Cutting the 3 garments — 1. 25		
	¾ yd padding 48. ¾ yard duck 12½ — 0. 30½		
	⅜ yd linen 7½c — 1½ and ½ yds Silesia 35 — 0. 42½		
	Coat & vest buttons 20c — 0. 20		
	Back, lining & stiffening for vest 35 — 0. 35		
	(Twist, silk & thread from house, &c.) — $13 40		13. 40.
6	Ferry &c. 8c. yeast 4 times 10c		0. 18
9	Charity 25; Towels 22c. Bowls 13. 2 lbs cheese 18c.		0. 78.
10	Tolls, &c. 18; Garden Seeds 12c & 6c. Bowl 12c		0. 55
12	Beef for Hall 16c. Veal 19c. Letter from Thu. 6c		0. 41
13	Goods of Wood & Co. 1.08 — of S. L. 9c		1. 17
14	Paid Miss Gibbs, mantua maker, 2 days 84c.		0. 84
15	Advertising land in Head 62c. Tacks 8c. Seed 7c		0. 77.
16	Let Hall have 3. dollars		3. 00
	Meat 20c. mending Teapot 6c. Butter 12c		0. 38
20	Flour 31. Graham flour 42		0 71
	Lead for sink of Rec 16 — 12 doz eggs 20c. Snuff 8c		0. 44
			32. 05.
23	Paid note to Isaac Clark, given April 2 for 235 dolls. & interest 2 dolls		237 00
23	Beans, cheese & seeds 31c. meat 17. Rice 10.		0. 58.
24	Frame for Aff's portrait 38c meat 21c		0. 59
26	Wash-woman 50c. Butter 27c		0. 77.
29	Cash for son Hall. $2.00. Things at auction 39c		2. 39
June	Letter 12c Meat 17. Meal 14. Table Cloth 83. Towelling 24c		1. 55
	1 doz plates 83c. paper 5c. Cheese 21c		1. 09
7	Balance to new account in June.		187 45
			£463. 47.

May 1845.

		Thermometer Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	Weather.	Wind
Thursday May	1	44	64	57	Mostly Cloudy.	Southerly
	2	52	67	44	Fair. High Wind.	N.W.
	3	35	72	57	Fair. Some windy.	S.W.
Sunday	4	56	77	62	mostly Cloudy. Warm.	Southerly
	5	54	59	49	do do	W. & N.W.
	6	31	64	44	Frost. Fair. dusty.	S.W. W.
	7	41	69	54	mostly Fair	Southerly
	8	40	50	36	Little rain in night. Fair, cold. A little snow in morng.	N.E.
	9	35	55	37	Cloudy - some rain. cold.	N.E.
	10	27	58	47	Heavy Frost. Fair. cool.	Southerly.
Sunday	11	40	84	70	Fair. Very warm.	S.W. & W.
	12	53	90	69	Fair. Hot. Dry.	S.W. & N.W.
	13	52	82	66	Fair. Smoky. Dry.	S.W. E. &c.
	14	53	78	67	Fair. Vapor in air.	S.
	15	63	77	45	Rain in night & thunder. Cloudy A.M. Rainy P.M.	S.
	16	40	47	44	Cloudy. cold	N.E.
	17	42	44	44	Cloudy & some Rainy. cold.	N.E
Sunday	18	46	55	50	Rainy.	N. & N.E.
	19	49	76	62	Fair & pleasant.	S. S.W. W.
	20	52	73	58	Cloudy mostly - some rain	S.W.
	21	48	74	48	Fair	W.
	22	38	74	52	Fair A.M. Cloudy P.M. Rain in Evening	S.W.
	23	46	69	48	mostly clear.	
	24	42	61	40	Fair. cool.	N.W.
Sunday	25	38	60	44	Fair do.	N.W.
	26	46	70	60	½ cloudy. Windy	S.W.
	27	45	76	63	Fair	S.
	28	46	80	62	Fair. windy. dusty.	S.
	29	59	61	46	Cloudy. Some rain.	S. & N.
	30	34	54	38	Fair. cold	N.
	31	28	62	49	Severe Frost. Fair.	N.E. S.W.
		1375	2073	1612		

At Sunrise $44\frac{11}{31}$
At 1 P.M. $66\frac{27}{31}$
At 9 P.M. 52.
} Average $54^{\circ}\frac{38}{93}$.

May 2 Sowed beets & lettuce. Coming up 10 & 11. &c
3 " peas. do " 12 & 13
May 5 Planted a few hills of corn & winter squashes. Corn up 14th.
12 & 13 Planted rest of upper garden, & some in lower. Came up 24. 5. 6. 7. &c
31 Half of beans killed by frost, though covered with green leaves.
June 4 Planted & replanted. Garden all planted now

May has been an unpleasant month, and more cold than usual, except a few very warm days. 2 severe frosts.

May 1845

Thursday 1. The month commences with a raw, unpleasant day. The girls celebrate May-day — they would do better to delay till June.

Farming operations are lively — ploughing, sowing, planting. Planting Indian corn & broom corn has commenced, not only on upland, but in the meadow. Not much planted in the meadow yet — sowing mostly done.

Broomcorn is to be the great crop again this year. Vast piles of manure all about the meadow, for broom corn, Indian corn, &c.

Gardening. Many at work in gardens.

Vegetation — continued from April 30.

Maple, hard, is in all stages from swelled buds to good sized green leaves. I see no indications of blossoms.

Maple, White, on Mill River, all in leaf. Some green seeds.

Maple, Red. Staminate flowers mostly fallen & many pistillate ones; latter & that remain all red, and an inch in length or more, with seed. Some 1½ inches. 4 Trees by Davis's blacksmith shop; 2 north ones pistillate, & 2 south ones staminate. Former quite red, and latter have some blossoms yet — Leaves of red maples are opening. Red of seeds grows paler.

7. Striped Maple, perhaps — at Whitmarsh's, has some open leaves & others opening — has a leaf shaped much like maple, but only 3 distinct lobes, & sinuses are broad & not deep. Body of tree greenish-striped [See April 26, No. 7. " May 12.

Silver Maple — so called improperly, has open leaves.

Bass — has large green buds — some are opening.

Mulberry
Thorny Locust and
Thornless Locust
Common Locust
Osage Orange
Clammy Locust
} These in general only show very small leaf buds.

Syringa — full of leaves, but flower buds hardly visible.

Lilac — " of " ; the thyrse or panicle of flower buds is 4 or 5 inches in length — buds not very near opening.

8 A bush with limbs full of red flower-buds & no leaves, at Mr Whitmarsh's. — May be the Redbud or Judas Tree [See May 15

No. 1 and 4 ~~seem the~~ same (see back) buds are out considerably — several are together. Leaf not ribbed or corded like alder, ironwood, &c.

No 3. Shows bunches of buds, small & very numerous. Leaves fully out brown or reddish

No 2 has no open leaves, yet.

No 5 — Smooth brown branch tree — has small leaves, which are handsomely ribbed; and the bush has bunches of flower buds not yet developed. Some are 15 feet high. A neat looking shrub or tree.

No 9. Smooth red-branch tree — handsome — has leaves like the last, but not so far advanced — shows no flower buds yet. Only a bush. [Is a dogwood.

May — 1845.

Thursday 1. Walked out to the Community with Hall in afternoon. Followed up Mill River in Brought's meadow, from the bridge to the N.W. corner of the meadow, where the river is close to the high bank. Examined meadow with Hall.

Shad flowers show themselves by roadsides and woods-edges, almost every where.

2 Shad Trees near Mill River, & opposite barn formerly W. W. Thompson's, are, one 6 inches, and one 8 inches in diameter, and 30 feet high at least. Both are bent over considerably.

A Hornbeam near them is 10 inches diameter for 3 or 4 feet, & the tree has small leaves and catkins

Cherry trees, wild, near by, are very tall, and have reddish brown leaves — rough bark.

Evergreen Whortleberry — now in blossom on a side hill not a great distance from Col. Pomeroy's. Apparently V. Vitis idea, stem creeping. [Prob. blueberry

Gold thread shows white flowers, and 3 leaves.

Sumac — has brown buds.

Mountain Ash is full of leaves, containing many leaflets each.

Dwarf Iris, or Flower de luce, is full of flowers. In gardens.

Moss pink — is " of do. do.

Strawberry } Their blossoms are plenty.
Five finger }

Flowering Currants are quite gay with blossoms.

Anemone (so I call it — perhaps wrong) is very common.

Blood Root; I find this flower in various parts of the town.

Adder tongue is more common than any wild flower except Venus' pride.

Colic Weed is abundant in some places — seems confined to them.

Grape shows reddish leaf buds —

Matrimony Vine, is full of leaves.

Common Cherry begins to open blossoms.

2 Trees below Maple Street } have just begun to show a small green
Osage Orange (Mr. S's) } leaf-bud.

High Cranberry — has some open leaves

The tree below J. L. Hinckley's (See April 24) has leaves 5 and 6 inches long, each leaf is composed of 15 or 17 (or some other odd number) of leaflets, which look like those of the Mountain Ash, and the bark resembles the Ill. Ash, but the shape does not.

Ailanthus (tree of heaven!) shows brown buds.

Thornbush. One kind has good sized leaves some red about them. Tree or bush has some resemblance to Hawthorne.

Scotch Larch — is more advanced than our Hackmatack is and looks neater; but is nearly the same tree. Both greenish.

May 1845

Friday 2. A blustering day - air full of dust.

Forests do not look green. Here & there on Mt Tom and Mt Holyoke a pale green tree (not evergreen) lifts its head - perhaps poplar with catkins. I know not what else it can be. [See May 6.

The trees that fringe Mill River in the meadow have a reddish brown appearance, owing to the predominance of the reddish leaves of the white maple.

The Rail Road. They are carting earth from the lots between Pleasant & Hawley streets down to the lot of the late Samuel Clarke, (which has a deep ravine in it,) crossing Mill River on a temporary bridge. They are also building the embankment below, in the meadow.

Grass - on the hills only looks greenish, and in some places hardly that - About here, grass is quite green on all good lands; and in rich places is 6 or 8 inches high.

Poa annua, or the short green grass about garden and elsewhere, shows abundance of panicles, shooting out sideways - not erect.

Rhubarb. Some have made rhubarb pies from stalks about 6 inches long.

Saturday 3. Flowers.

Dandelions are abundant in mowings, by roadsides, &c

Coltsfoot by canal, shows its yellow blossoms intermingled with dandelions. Some have gone to seed & show their globular caps.

Pears. Tree back of Shop-Row; one near Baptist M. house some at Talbot's, &c. show blossoms; the two first almost white with blossoms, which must have begun to open one or 2 days ago. One of Mr. S's trees has blossoms

Plum. Barren trees are full, or a little past.

do Egg. } show blossoms - Mr. Shepard's purple not yet out.
do purple } some trees, I know not the kind, had blossoms May 1.
do some others } P.S. Mr Shepard's out May 4.

Pyrus Japonica or Japan Quince (Talbot's) shows its red flowers, & and I presume it died yesterday. [Shepard's not open till 4.

English Cherry displays white blossoms all about the village, & bees make a humming about the blossoms. Some trees are full; most are not.

Peach - shows its blossoms about almost all houses, but many trees are small. Not quite so forward as E. cherry.

Blue violets are abundant in many places. Mrs. Ebenr. Hunt's orchard (side hill) is full of them. Many about Mr Shepards.

Red Maples have lost their glory. The seeds & pedicels are from 3/4 to 1½ inches in length, but daily the red grows more faint; it is now a dull brick color, or brownish red.

Sunday 4 Very warm. George Lyman preached.

Monday 5 Put letter in Office (new) for Sylvester.

May 1845

Monday May 5 Vegetation came forward very fast yesterday. Th. 77°.

English Cherry } In full blossom. The white of the cherry
Peach } & pink of the peach make the village look quite gay.

Plums } Trees are generally in blossom - some quite white
Pears } not yet full.

Apple A branch of Mr. Hilbert's tree close to the house exhibits open blossoms; also some trees near Maple street; & Mrs. Hunt's side-hill

Crab apple - has many half open blossoms, & a few open ones

Wild cherry - smooth bark, shows its white blossoms.

Whortleberry - a dwarf kind (Round Hill) shows bell blossoms.

A shrub, light bark - 6 feet high, is full of bell blossoms which look just like those of whortleberry. [see May 12

Wild Plum, in meadow - some blossoms almost open. [open May 6.

Flowering Almond has blossoms (at Isaac Clark's.

Bass at Fort Hill has leaves.

Bass (or perhaps English linden) at Talbot's, Bright's &c. has open leaves - some were open on the 3d.

Elm, English, at Bright's, is full of small leaves. No signs of blossoms.

Oak. Many on Round Hill have small open leaves; the white oak not quite so forward as other kinds, but some trees have small reddish leaves "as big as a mouse's ear." Many oaks on the Hill do not yet show leaves. Some oaks at Fort Hill have leaves 1 inch long.

The trees by Joy's fence that I used to call English are a little more advanced than those on the top of the hill - some like them, on side hill by Whitmarshes.

Mr Joy's single English oak has both leaves and catkins 3/4 of an inch in length - no more forward than some others.

Chesnut - some trees on Round Hill have leaves from 3/4 to 1½ inches in length. Most trees have no leaves.

White Birch has small leaves, & catkins from 1 to 2 inches long.

Hornbeam is green with leaves

Iron wood is do " do. Some catkins 2 inches long

Witch Hazel is do " do. - some trees not yet so.

Butternut is greenish " do - leaves generally open. Catkins on some, 1½ to 2 inches long.

Pignut - the leaves are opening; some open.

Maples, hard, have large leaves & are quite green, but some have not opened their leaves; much difference in their forwardness. Some backward ones show blossoms.

do. red, - have small leaves. The seeds are becoming green. The seed-stems are strangely elongated, being many of them from 2 to 3 inches in length & some are more.

do. white - have large winged seeds, green; stems not elongated. leaves of good size, and deep gashes in them.

Beech. Trees at Fort Hill are green with leaves.

Shagbark Walnut. The large buds are opening, and leaves and catkins are visible.

Bitternut - shows leaves & catkins. Buds were not large.

May 1845

monday
May 5 Vegetation – continued.

Sumach's have open leaves.

Grapes – leaves are opening – look red, on wild grapes.

Poplars – on the side hill by Whitmarsh are green with pistillate catkins, or by leaves, and some by both. Large poplar below South Street bridge, is green by leaves and pistillate catkins or seeds.

Yellow Violet – plenty near base of Fort Hill, among blue ones. are higher than blue ones.

Wake Robin or Wild Turnip (Arum triphyllum) shows its green striped spathe, & spadix not green – flowers not out apparently.

Ash trees. The purple bunches are expanding – are green within. Leaves are open on trees with & without bunches

Common Locust, has open leaves; had some on the 3d.

Clammy do – has very small leaves.

Thorny do. has " " do. also Thornless L.

Catalpa – shows very small green beads. [Small leaves May 9.

Cucumber Tree (at Sackett's) has large green buds and an open leaf by the side of each bud.

Currants – are in full blossom.

Black currants – just begin to blossom (P. Pomeroy.) A strong smell about the leaves or flowers.. Racemes & flowers different from red currants.

Yellow flower currant (perhaps ribes aureum) is in full glory.

Birds

Whippoorwill – was heard at Broughton's meadow April 28, and has been heard there every day since – early in morning, or evening. (Hall.)

Yellow birds, are very plenty & very musical. Have been about several weeks. Part of wings and top of head black.

Cowblackbird. Saw to day a blackbird with a brown neck and small smooth head.

Red bird, I saw to-day. Wings & part of head black.

I now hear many wood birds in the edge of woods. In the depth of thick forests, I do not hear birds much. — Bobolinks are common. Yellow Orioles have come. [Catbird May 10.

The Mountains, Tom & Holyoke

Pale green trees show themselves as before noticed; some of them up high among evergreens. Are they poplars? Some dirty green & reddish brown & other colors are noticed among the trees on lower part of the mountains. Are they oaks & chestnuts, and a few hard maples, that are greenish? or something else?
P.S. the green are white birch; the others oaks, &c [See May 6

Grass. The vernal or early grass is plenty and in blossom. The poa annua, as I call it, is plenty and in blossom.

Trees not green – all those mentioned, April 30. 1844.

Shad caught in quantities below S. H. Falls to-day. Sold at 25 to 33 cents & some perhaps 37½ in this place, May 6.

May 1845.

Tuesday May 6. Frost, rather severe, this morning. I notice some maple and other leaves nipt by it.

Hard maples. I notice blossoms on none but trees without leaves or those with small leaves; and I have found none as yet on the light bark trees, but they are on the trees with dark bark, not smooth, but having some furrows up and down. The blossoms are yellow, a bunch together, with long pedicels, 1½ or 2 inches long.

Visited Mount Holyoke. Went up to the house, then N. E. some distance, to a deep gulf across the mountain — very plain to be seen here — seemed there to descend almost to the foot of the mountain. Then back to house & east of it; then followed the top of the mountain S.W. near the N.W. steep part a great distance, crossing ledges and valleys. Came to where there were two ridges, was obliged to leave the front ridge & take the one farther S.E. — followed that till it became so broken and cut up by valleys, chasms, steep rocks, &c. that I was forced to leave it and descend in a cleared valley farther S.E. down to near the end of the mountain; then crossed in pastures in a low place to the western side & came into Hockanum road by the upper or southern house, not far from Russel's house.

Ovat. Nat. 2. 45. See May 10

Vegetation was as forward in Hockanum as Northampton. And at the foot, on side, on top, and on S.E. side of the mountain, vegetation was much the same; high or low, N.W. or S.E. seemed to make but little difference —

Dogwood — the real Cornus florida. I found a single tree on S.E. side of mountain, 15 to 18 feet high, and 4½ inches diameter, with the involucral leaves fully displayed, 4 together, turning from green to white, appearing just like a large flower, from 1½ to 2 inches in diameter. In the centre were a number of green flower buds, which will not open for some time — bark looked much like that of iron wood. Leaves just like those of two or three sorts of shrubs on this & that side of river — ovate — acuminate. Delicate, ribbed. now small. I saw on this side of Mountain many small trees or shrubs that looked like this, i.e. had bodies with bark like iron wood and leaves like this, but showed no flowers nor involucre. — Other shrubs with similar leaves but different bark were on side & top of mountain. — This dogwood tree was near the S.E. end of mountain, not very high up. Limbs rough, spotted with brown & white. [Mr Joy has a tree]

Oaks — black, yellow, &c were almost all in leaf — some leaves on top of mountain were 1½ by ¾ inch.
White Oaks: — Some had small leaves; most had no leaves.

Chesnut — at foot of mountain in pastures, all showed leaves; on side of mountain very few had leaves. None on top.

Maples hard; some in leaf, some not. None on top, but some a little east of top. [by "none" no trees is meant.

May 1845

Tuesday 6. Mount Holyoke, continued.

White birches are all in leaf and have a bright, though not dark, green — these are the green trees I have noticed for days past on Holyoke and Tom. But few near the foot of the mountain, but very many higher up, all the way to the summit, and a few on top, not many; and still fewer on the eastern side.

Black birches are found with the others & elsewhere — some have small leaves, and some have not; small trees have larger leaves. These birches do not look green at a distance, except a very few.

Iron-wood & several shrubs were in leaf.

Butternuts had open leaves — saw catkins 2½ inches long on the mountain top.

Walnuts & Pignuts — some not open, some opening, very few open leaves — on top & elsewhere.

Ash showed black branches, & small leaves — on top.

Bass showed open leaves, & opening — on top.

Poplars — only a few small ones seen — some near summit were full of green leaves. Some had white leaves, rolled up.

On and near the top were plenty of small rose bushes, some whortleberry bushes, 2 honeysuckles, shad bushes in full blossom, smooth bark cherry, just ready to blossom, briers; dwarf or shrub oaks with dark colored bark, 3 to 6 feet high, full of reddish leaves and catkins; strawberry blossoms; blue violets with narrow leaves & blue flowers (Viola pedata, perhaps) Columbines with 4 horns, in crevices of rocks, red & yellow, (Aquilegia canadensis.) a species of ranunculus very plenty, blossoms like buttercups, only 3 or 4 inches high; a species of anemone, I suppose, with 3 to 6 flowers on a stem — know not the species, leaves like one flowered ones (error) other flowers, Solomon's seal, prince's pine; The Honeysuckle, I believe, is Lonicera parviflora.

Cedars & hemlocks are plenty — some white pines.

Acres of Venus' pride at foot of mountain in pastures. Looks white from Northampton.

Leaves of oaks are a little reddish, & maples also. Small white oak leaves reddish; some trees had a whitish leaf — seemed white from top of mountain — perhaps oak.

Looking down from top of mountain on forests below much pale green of white birch appeared; reddish and dirty green of oaks, with some help from maples and other trees — where woods were chestnut, not much green or greenish — northerly towards Fort river many oaks apparently and few birches — Some trees below on flat showed whitish tops (were these oaks? poplars?

* East of Fort river, on flat of deluged land (I crossed it weeks ago) trees were more green than elsewhere and not white birch (soft maple &c?) — Farther up the river, only dirty green & reddish —

* Poplars probably. See Roberts Hill May 8. perhaps large aspen.

May 1845

Wednesday 7. Still dry and dusty. Shad from Falls about.

Thursday 8 Vegetation. — A cold day. Little snow.

E. Cherry } Blossoms fast falling, but many trees still
Peach } full. Some peach trees present a most brilliant appearance — pink color predominates, but some flowers are whitish pink & all have red spot in the centre. Some trees have blossoms much smaller and less showy than others.

Plum } many of these are in full blossom.
Pear } — some are past, perhaps, but many are
Com. Cherry } not yet full. Plums vary much.

Button-wood is full of small leaves; they began to open May 6, and some probably May 5.

Ailanthus shows small leaves.

Apple trees began to blossom, May 5, and have been increasing since; some trees are whitish; many have some blossoms; and many have not yet begun to blossom. Crab apple trees whitish.

Lilacs — have a few open blossoms — very few.

Tulips — a few blossoms seen — very few.

Daffodils or something else — has 6 white petals — blossoms observed May 14; now there are many.

Jonquil or something else — has 6 petals, not spread like the other — some out — white. [Leucojum vernum.

Round Hill.

Chesnuts, some in leaf, but most are not. } These do not
Oaks in leaf. — some white oaks hardly open } make the hill
A few small maples — in leaf. — only 3 sqrts of wood } green, being
The hill has a faint, dirty greenness from the oaks, &c. } mostly chesnut.

Large trees do commonly ~~leave out~~ later than small ones of the same species.

Flowering trees put out leaves later than those that do not blossom, of same species, generally.

Roberts Hill, Bear Hill, & other high lands present a dirty green, or reddish green, from the oaks mainly — some maples, walnuts, &c help the green and when white birches & poplars grow, they add much.

Visited Roberts Hill to-day, west of Broughton Meadow, through & beyond Wm Clark's old pastures. Trees not much more forward than on Holyoke if any. Oaks generally have leaves & many have catkins, but some white oaks not out. Aged and large chesnuts not in leaf; chesnut staddles have open leaves, some ½ long or more. Some walnuts look green, some not open. Butternuts open. Maples open generally, some not. Pipe-edge not open except a few.

May 1845

Thursday 8. Vegetation continued.

Sassafras (Roberts Hill) is in blossom.

Pipperidge (I so call it – Roberts Hill, and 1 tree W. of Round Hill) has small leaves, & some trees none.

Birch White – is like those on Holyoke – bright green and shows at a distance. (R. Hill.)

Birch black & yellow – not quite so forward as white.

Poplar – smooth white bark, tall trees (50 feet) and small ones – very many, about Clark's pasture have white or whitish leaves – look like flowers – some have brown or green catkins.

Poplar – same bark & size – many tall & small, have green leaves – aspen like – bright green. These Green Clark's pasture. R. Hill.

What do these different leaves mean?

White Bush – 6 feet high or more – shows blossoms like those of whortleberry. [Blue bilberry, probably. See Ap. 24. May

White Bush, with last years seed vessels on tops, has as yet only very small leaves. See April 24 & May 1.

Sweet Fern has small leaves & long catkins.

Shad Flowers are falling, but many trees still make a show. The 2 large, crooked trees near Mill pond at Silk Factory, are in full bloom. I observed one on Roberts Hill 25 feet high, & crooked eastward like the others.

Wild Cherry (smooth bark) is white with blossoms, tall trees & small shrubs – and these take the place of the fading shad-flowers, looking much like them at a distance. Both sorts are now seen, sometimes side by side. (This seems to be Cerasus Pennsylvanica or borealis.) Blossoms sub-corymbed.) Cherries with racemes, not in blossom.

Poplars – I observed a large number of tall poplars (between rough & smooth) in the woods beyond the paper mill, which showed no signs of leafing. Poplars on the canal, back of South Street, that had green (pistillate) catkins, have now green strings of seeds, as large as small peas, full of cotton. The trees that had red or male catkins have nothing but leaves.

On the canal beyond South-street I found a small poplar full of white leaves, like those on R. Hill. These white leaves are partially folded or rolled together, & show the outside – perhaps P. grandidentata.

Poplars first appear (with some willows) on the sand where the Connecticut used to run, just below the present channel across Hockanum.

May 1845.

Thursday 8. Vegetation — continued.

Horse Chesnut. I noticed a few blossoms on one of Mr. Bright's trees — none elsewhere.

Cowslips with yellow blossoms are plenty in the vicinity of the Silk Factory — and some at foot of Fort Hill. Have been in blossom some time.

Windflowers — those with a single flower, and three leaves with 3 leafets each, are abundant almost every where — woods, fields, roadsides, &c. Those with several flowers to one stem are rare.

Five finger (potentilla) with a yellow flower is very plenty.

Red Maples, retain more red seeds than I imagined some days ago. Many are of a dull brick color; and all shades of red from that to a bright flaming scarlet, are seen. The pedicels are 2 and 3 inches long. It is very seldom that a tree is full of them; they are commonly in spots here & there, not all over the tree.

Trees not yet in leaf — near this village —
Many pignuts & walnuts, some oaks, many large chesnuts, some maples, some of all kinds of locusts, some button woods, yet many or most trees of all these kinds are in leaf. Some ash not out.

Rye on the plain, is from 6 to 10 inches high — some spears 12 in.

Two trees below Maple street, have a few leaves & flowers on a few branches; rest of branches have only buds. Are these Nettle Trees? P.S. yes.

Friday 10 Walked down to Hockanum Island, where many are at work on Rail Road, as well as this side.

Mount Tom, north east or north end, is more filled with evergreens than the rest of the mountain; and the green white birches are seen among the evergreens from the bottom to the top; along farther S. W. above the chesnuts, also, they show themselves, on the steeper parts of the mountain.

White birches within a mile or two of Northampton have only small leaves — are much less green than the mountain birches — are smaller & many have catkins.

Chesnut woods on Tom & Holyoke are not green, unless mingled with oak, &c.

Planting corn & broomcorn is going on basily in the meadow. E. Graves has 20 acres planted, but most are not so forward.

May 1845.

Saturday 10. Severe frost this morning. Ther. 27°. What damage has been done to fruit, &c remains to be seen. The ground was frozen & leaves near the ground. Severest frost in May since 1839.

Visited Mount Holyoke between Amherst and Granby.

Sunday 6 Nat. Hist. 2. p. 55. Went through Hadley & Amherst to the road that passes over the mountain; then went over to South side, turned West into an old pasture and from that ascended the mountain on the south side, to a lofty; but there were ~~two tops~~ East one on same general summit, a little higher. The top when I was, was not 100 rods west of the road that comes up on the north side, & but a little over 100 rods from the direction of Amherst West Street. A good view of Amherst, Hadley, Granby, &c from this summit but I was not after views.

I heard woodbirds sing on this summit, have not found them before so high. Butterflies, 3 or 4, I saw on this top and flies came around me. Heard nothing of crows. Blue jays were near the foot of the mountain. I find them in all my wood rambles, in the recesses of the forests — I saw a black snake near the foot of the mountain, but found no rattle snakes. They do not come out till latter part of May, it is said.

Fruit-trees — apples trees partially in blossom as in N.H. No peach trees seen north of the Mountain beyond Hadley village, but there were some on south side in S. Hadley. Old sort of cherry & some plum trees were observed in blossom.

Forest Trees — found no new kinds. A little beyond Hadley West Street, on bank of river, are two huge poplars, a male & female. One is 3 feet in diameter and one about 2½ feet — same as rough bark poplars in N.H.

Poplars.

Saw on S. side of Mountain, above Bachelors brook, & nearer the mountain, many white leaf poplars, leaf rolled up, some but just out; and some hardly out, and a few open. The bark of these poplars is neither rough nor smooth, but rather roughish in lower part, & smooth above; they are tall, some 60 to 75 feet. The leaf is ovate & ~~serrate~~ but is not cordate at all. The poplars not in leaf, noticed a few days since, are I believe, the same kind. Saw also Aspens

* The white leaf, I suspect, is P. balsamifera or balsam poplar.

Oaks are generally in leaf (some white's may be excepted) and are quite showy in S side of the mountain, and on N.W side near bottom, north or N.E. of the houses about the ferry (right above Lyman's Johnson's, &c most of trees are chesnut.) Oaks are generally of a yellowish green (quite different from white birch) and are very conspicuous on all ~~all~~ the S. and S.E. slopes of the mountain, while not a white birch is to be seen on that side of the mountain.

Walnuts are some in leaf & some not; butternuts are in leaf but do not show; maples are too few to make any show, and are not all out; ironwood has leaves but is too small to be noticed at a distance; ash, some have leaves & some not; bass leaves are opening. Chesnuts on lower parts (none above) are some in leaf and some not, high ones not green at a distance, and smallones not seen. Black birch has small leaves.

* P.S. It is P. grandidentata.

May 1845

Saturday 10. Visit to Mt Holyoke, &c. continued.

On the whole, white birches and oaks are all the mountain deciduous trees that now make a show — the former of a bright but not dark green, a handsome color; the latter of a yellowish green; sometimes a little reddish, and I believe some due a little whitish, but generally yellowish green; at first rather dirty. The other trees, however, add considerably to the fainter shades & hues of the mountain. Much depends on the situation of the spectator and of the sun.

Shagbark Walnuts } or the shells & cups may be seen on the
and Acorns } top of the mountain — not very large.

Dogwood, with rough bark. I found many trees on south of Mt. Holyoke near foot of mountain, and several of them had blossoms or inflorescences, but these blossoms were smaller than those I found May 6, and not many on a tree — were greenish and made no show. They are however the genuine Cornus florida. Many trees had no flowers.

Smooth bark Dogwood, perhaps 2 kinds, was plenty and like those on this side the river.

See Nat. Hist. p. 55 to 61. & figure

Sunday 11 Mr. O. Warner, Jr of Chesterfield preached. A very warm day. Vegetation advanced fast.

Monday 12 Hot day. Rapid forwardness in vegetation.
Cows turned into the street to-day.
Crabapple, } in full blossom
Flowering Almond }
Apple — some in full blossom; many have but just begun.
Dandelion — abundant. Full in some places; in general not full.
Peaches, Pears } Cherry blossoms & peach are mostly fallen, but
Cherry, plum } some remain. Some peach trees still red.
Pear & plum blossoms, many fallen, many on — meadow plum about full blossom.
Tulips are abundant, but not yet in full glory.
Striped Maple (Whitmarshes) has the flowers open — in pendant racemes; flower green — has not much affinity with the maples. See May 1.
No 4. (see April 24 & May 1) which is "Bladder nut," or Staphylea trifolia, begins to open flowers.
No 1 (April 24 May 1) is not same as No 4. is evidently a vaccinium — was blossoming May 5 [See May 5. seems giant whortleberry.
No 10, a shrub on Mill River & know not its name; has bunches of flower buds, & ribbed leaf — has dark stripes on it. [See June 17
Thornbush is near full bloom — a common species — I know not its name. Flowers corymbed like those of the pear tree.

May 1845.

Tuesday 13. Still warm — smoky.

Birds are full of music. We hear many of them soon after day-break, or before sunrise, on the apple, elm, & other trees. The bobolinks fill the meadows with noise; and there are several other kinds in the meadows.

The cuckoo's notes are heard — koo-koo-koo, &c.

Poa grass — one kind shows panicles, that is tall; this is not poa pratensis, or spear grass, for the stalk has joints & leaves. [P.S. It may be P. pratensis]

Poplar — a kind with aspen leaves and white smooth bark, is already shedding cotton from its seed strings. Perhaps it is the aspen or P. tremuloides.

Mulberries have leaves of considerable size.

Round Hill is green; that is, the chestnuts are now green or greenish — some but little greenish, & some leaves 3 inches long.

Mts Tom & Holyoke seem green & greenish. The deciduous trees are now all in leaf, apparently; there may be exceptions. Chestnuts are not very green.

Walnuts show long catkins; yet some are but just opening their leaves; oaks abound in catkins.

False Bittersweet shows good sized leaves.

The poison vine that climbs trees shows do. do.

Evening noises — nothing is heard distinctly but frogs; their noise is not a peep, but a continued trilling sound. Perhaps tree-frogs add to the sound.

Fly Honeysuckle or Twinberry (Xylosteum Ciliatum) at Talbot's begins to blossom, and at other places. A handsome shrub.

Butter cup. A low species of ranunculus shows its yellow flowers in Dr. Barrell's lot (at Nichols.) Calyx reflexed.

Osage Orange — has small leaves — one of the latest of shrubs.

Althea. A plant so called (a woody shrub) just begins to have small leaves — a very late plant — is misnamed.

White Oaks — some have reddish leaves & some whitish; some red below and white on the upper branches. White oaks are behind other sorts, and as late as many of the chestnuts or most.

Trees all have leaves; but the following are not much green at a distance; many chestnuts & most locusts and nearly all button woods; some white oaks, walnuts, ash, a few maples;

Yellow Butterflies appear.

Catbird sings a good deal — has much music.

Planting in the meadows goes on — some have finished.

Apple trees in full blossom, or near it.

Wednesday 14 } Quinces begin to blossom; or perhaps yesterday.
Barberry " do.
Low Willow. Some are scattering cotton like the poplars.
Snowball shows greenish globular heads of flowers — has some days.

May 1845

Wednesday 14. The 4th warm, dry & dusty day. It became more clear P.M. so that Holyoke & Tom, that have been partially obscured for some days, again appeared clear and distinct.

Chesnuts on these mountains are in leaf, but are only faintly green the branches covering much more of the surface of the picture than the leaves. The bodies still appear whitish.

Oaks. A large piece in which oaks predominate lies N.W. of the Mountain house, down near to the pastures, between the Chesnuts farther South, and Pease house. They are all in leaf - green, yellowish green reddish green, & some are whitish. Maples & other trees are doubtless mixed with them.

Birches are more plenty, between chesnuts & oaks and top of mountain. The black birches are doubtless added to the whites. Similar on Mt Tom.

Thursday 15. The vapory, clear atmosphere of yesterday, was followed by rain in the night.

Red Clover. I saw 2 red heads near the canal. Some by Mr. Shepard's house are partly red.

Wild Cherry. Some of the low sorts with racemes are in blossom: perhaps some high ones.

Bladder Nut is in full flower. The flowers, leaves and striped & spotted bark give this shrub a handsome appearance.

Striped Maple - is in full blossom - looks well.

Lilac - another kind, Persian or Chinese, begins to flower.

Fleabane - one kind has blossoms. (Lanceolate leaves. leaves lanceolate. Flower bluish almost white

Chesnuts & other trees on Holyoke look more green to day, the sun being hidden. The colors of trees &c. at some distance, depend much on the atmosphere, sunshine or cloudy, position of the sun, &c

Curled leaf tree at Whitmarsh's is a species of Willow and has catkins.

A small tree at Whitmarsh's, not a willow, has catkins. I know not its name. (A mulberry.

Judas Tree or Red bud - one is at Whitmarshes. Flowers are falling - are papilionaceous. [See No 8. May 1.

Grass. In our meadows & mowings, the poa pratensis or spear grass is not so predominant as formerly supposed. There is much Poa besides the P. pratensis.

Horse-chesnut - some trees full & handsome: and many not full blossom.

Single Peonys with lads-love leaf, are in blossom. So called - probably are not peonies.

Musketoes have been about some days, in the woods, on Mill river &c. - Not about the house.

May 1845

Friday 16. Wrote a letter to L. M. Boltwood, Esq. in reply to his, about Boltwood family.
my winter Apples have lasted till now.
Winter Apples are now sold at $1. bushel, or less. some at 50

Saturday 17 Cold, rainy, windy.
Hawthorn exhibits open blossoms, and did yesterday.
A shrub or small tree grows in upland & lowland, and has the marks of a plum — is blossoming. Is it a wild plum? No. It is a pyrus probably see forward: May 22.
Flowering wintergreen (Polygala pauciflora) has been in flower some weeks — very plenty in some woods.
Lilac — many are in full blossom — some not.
White lilacs are a little later than the others; not much.
Fruit blossoms are mostly fallen though many remain on apple trees — some trees are about full, yet.
A few peach blossoms are seen. Peaches were rather later than cherries this season; and the young cherries are larger than young peaches. — Quince not yet full.
Flowering Almond. Flowers are fading & falling. The little shrub makes a great display for one of its size. It is very common.
Tulips } Have kept their flowers closed since the cloudy
Dandelions } weather began, by day as well as by night.
Cucumber Tree at Sackets, shows some queer looking things that seem to be blossoms.

Sunday 18. A rainy day. Did not attend meeting.

Monday 19.
Buttercups or Crowfoot — high, (Ranis) shows blossoms and did yesterday
Bush Honeysuckle (that grows on plains, &c.) shows blossoms and did yesterday (Azalea nudiflora, perhaps
Early grass — is very plenty & in blossom — has been out for weeks.
Poa — tall — panicles are plenty in warm places may be the P. pratensis. I cannot tell.
Tulips are in their glory.

Tuesday 20. Put letter in Post Office for Edward E. Hale, Boston in reply to his of April 7.
Peewee. I saw & heard a chickadee to day; and he repeated many times his peewee notes, just like those we hear in the winter; mingled now & then with chick-a-da-da-da. Peabody says it is this bird that whistles phe-be (so the sound is to him) in early spring, or latter part of winter. He calls the real phebe, the pewit flycatcher. —

E. Graves had of me 5 bushels of ashes yesterday; not paid (paid

May 1845

Wednesday 21 } I walked out to Westhampton on the 21st
Thursday 22 } — went over the top of brush Hill & the hill west of it, crossed the pine plain to West Farms, and then ascended to the top of the high Mineral Hill, and descended on the west side opposite to brother Parsons' house. Called at his house and his son Aaron's, and crossed the lots to O. Kingsley's, my father's old place. Went about the old farm some. How strangely altered! places where I raked hay and hoed corn in my boyish days are overgrown with brakes & brush and trees, presenting in some fields a forest of trees of considerable size. I have attachments to the place of my younger years, but the miserable soil cooled the desire I have at times felt to live on the homestead of my father.

From Kingsley's I crossed over to Doct. Hookers, mostly in the lots, and staid there that night. Walked with sister Hooker to the burying ground, &c.

On the 22, called at Mr. Chapman's, and at cousin John A. Judd's, and went down to brother P.'s to dinner. Thence went down through the new village where the paper mill & other mills are and 4 dwelling houses, near old stamping mill Falls. Came in by the old road, by the way of Park Hill.

Letter from Apphia. She & her husband & child & Peninnah think of being here about June 15.

Vegetation in Western part of this town and Westhampton was about as it is here — some things not so forward. Fruit blossoms had generally fallen except those of quinces; the quinces made a fine display. Grass was short in old pastures. Flower pots seem to be very common in and about houses in Westhampton as well as in N.H. It was not so when I lived there. There is much done about houses for neatness and good appearance, but the old stony, brushy, bushy lands do not improve.

Rye in N.H. on good land is from 2 to 3 feet high, and shows full heads. On poor plains, it is thin & short.

Corn. I found Mr. Hoyt hoeing corn on Wm Clark's plain. It was planted April 15 & 16 & 17. H.T. Hooker at W.H. had a piece large enough to hoe, and I saw other pieces in W.H. quite forward. Some are planting, both in W.H. & N.H.

Oats are up and look green.

May 1845.

Thursday 22 Vegetation in N.H. west part, & Westhampton, continued.

Wild Blossoms — Those now seen on shrubs are

Wild cherry, with racemes, which are very common; and those with corymbs a few; mostly fallen.

Thorn bush — some are fallen but many white flowers still show themselves.

The bush that has plum leaves is full of blossoms by roadsides & elsewhere — some on shrubs 6 inches high, and on those of every height up to 7 feet or more. The cherry, thorn & this bush were sometimes near each other. This bush was on my father's old farm.

Barberry, mostly within 2 miles of this village; by the road sides, looks very handsome with its racemes of yellow blossoms.

Honeysuckle on bushes (Azalea) in western part of the town, in moist edges of woods, and on dry plains.

Dogwood. The real Cornus florida I found 25 or 30 feet high, almost to the top of Mineral Hill on the eastern slope; full of snow white involucres, called flowers, composed of 4 leaves which measured so as make the flower 2½ inches in diameter, or more. Some of the little green buds within were opening, showing the real flowers. The bark of the trees was chapped into small portions, as described by Michaux. I found one of the trees in blossom by the road east of Tait Timothy Phelps' house in Westhampton, and another towards Luther Kings.

Another kind of dogwood is common in W.H. as well as in N.H.

Near the ground are plenty of Venus's pride, violets, flowering wintergreen, 5 finger, strawberries fleabane, and other wild flowers.

White Poplars with white leaves, I found plenty of in W.H. and N.H. The leaves seem to lose their white pubescence as they grow older — are not cordate but broad or round ish ovate, with large teeth. Petioles compressed. Seems to be large Aspen (P. grandidentata)

White poplars with green leaves — I found 2 sorts, one with leaves ovate at the base, and one cordate.

White Oaks on my route almost all showed whitish leaves & catkins; & looked at a little distance like white leaved poplars; some had reddish leaves on lower limbs. Some other oaks had whitish leaves, especially some of the shrub oaks.

Rock Oak on Mineral Hill looked like the oaks on Holyoke & elsewhere — at present the green is slightly tinged with yellow. P.S. "looked like" refers to the appearance of the foliage at some distance.

May 1845.

Thursday 22. Vegetation — continued.

Piperidge — in W.H. has horizontal limbs, and the branchlets grow out horizontally from the branches. The leaves are now small and stand erect.

Cedars, Elms, Button-woods — These all are found in Westhampton especially in neighborhood of the mineral and Sunkey Hills. I found a cedar on my father's ~~[illegible]~~ old farm. Cedars are found in hard stony places, & Elms & button woods near the streams —

Lupines. The wild ones (Lupinus perennis) are now in blossom on the plain, near West Farms.

The bush with plum leaves, white flowers & red anthers is probably a pyrus (perhaps Pyrus arbutifolia or red choak-berry.) Perhaps pear leaves would be better.

The Walnut in A. Chapman's garden, which sprung from a walnut I brought from Grand River, Ohio, in 1819 is full of leaves and catkins — bore some last year.

The black walnut below Chapman's store, which came from a walnut I brought from Ohio, has borne several years — is flourishing.

Birds. I saw 3 or 4 beautiful scarlet birds with dark wings & tail, on the hill west of brush hill in the pasture — I heard several birds on the Mineral Hill — more than on Tom & Holyoke.

Woodbirds I heard whenever I came to the border of woods — the chewink very common.

Wrens are seldom seen or heard, where I go.

Red head Woodpeckers, formerly so plenty in W.H. seem to have forsaken it entirely.

Bobolinks are the grand musicians in all mowings and pastures. Their jingling notes are heard almost every where in cleared grassy lands.

Red winged Blackbirds are not uncommon.

Winter Berry or False Alder (Prinos verticillatus, I suppose) has as yet only leaves. Some of the berries of last year remain on the branches, but have lost their redness.

Crowfoot Geranium, or Cranesbill (G. maculatum) has shown blossoms, in this village for a week or more. It is a showy wild plant.

High Cranberry begins to show blossoms, both here and in my old dooryard in Westhampton.

A species of Viburnum (same as No 3. April 24.) begins to blossom May 23d. — blossoms in a cyme like elder.

Bladder nut — still retains its hanging blossoms.

Striped maple shows winged seeds, one to each blossom.

May 1845.

Friday 23 }
Saturday 24 } Weather is cool

Whortleberries are in blossom — the tall, the middling, and the dwarf. Some have been so a long time. One kind (or more) has reddish blossoms.

Spider-wort (Tradescantia) shows its 3 petalled, blue flowers, in gardens.

Button wood trees look badly — many limbs have no leaves and seem to be dead. Some insect or disease has been preying upon them a few years past.

Flower de luce has been in blossom some days.

Lilac blossoms are fading, old kind. Chinese [Persian] not full.

Orchard Grass, has heads out.

Tulips are still abundant — at this time, they are more showy than anything else.

The Twinberry is in its glory.

Quinces still look finely — blossoms abundant.

Apple blossoms have all fallen, or nearly all.

Spicy wintergreen. The young plants are up and eatable. (Gaultheria procumbens.)

Bellwort (Uvularia perfoliata) is in blossom; looks like Solomon's Seal, ie, the leaves; I may have called it S. Seal on the mountains; (has but 1 flower on a plant.

Hawthorn is in full blossom, or a little past. Those in hedges do not put forth many flowers. Trees standing alone are much more profuse.

Apples — good russets are still sold at 5s. per bushel.

Potatoes — Carter 62½ cents; others 37½ to 50 cents.

Sunday 25 Preachers from Easthampton. Cool.

Monday 26 Cool weather continues.
Put letter in Post office for Nelhusa, who is at Andover.

Tuesday 27 Warm. Went out to Hall's in again this forenoon.

Dogwood (C. florida) one in blossom near Conant's silk factory.

Fleabane — one species with a daisy flower, 8 to 12 inches high, is very plenty by road-sides and in fields — looks some like oxeye daisy at a distance; but flower is a little blue instead. (Robert's Plantain)

Running Berry or dewberry shows a few blossoms.

Buttercups — are not plenty; low ones more so than high ones.

Red clover — heads are not plenty, though many on Mrs. Ebenr. Hunt's side hill & some other places.

Snowballs are considerably white.

Horse Chesnuts are full; a few may be waning.

Dandelions — have almost all disappeared.

Dogwood. The kind that has smooth brown branches in the spring, has begun to blossom. Flowers in cymes.

Yellow Lilly — shows blossoms — has for a day or two.

May 1845.

Wednesday 28 Auction of Mr. Napier's goods. High wind.

Thursday 29 Wrote to daughter Ophelia.

Thimbleberry — begins to blossom (Mr Shepard's
Raspberry (Wild) do — do. (on Mill River.
Syringa (False) do do. (Mr. Allen's
Honeysuckle — do — do. (Mr Williston, &c
White Clover begins to show heads.
Walnuts, shagbark, show catkins 4 or 5 inches long.
Viburnum (see No 3. and May 22 — perhaps V. prunifolium or Black haw or sloe — perhaps V. dentatum or arrow wood) presents a fine appearance, being near full blossom — cymes broad, white, a little convex — look like elder.

A shrub in gardens, has been full of small flowers for a week or more — is called Prim, but is not the prim of botanists — seems to belong to pyrus genus but perhaps not. [Is a spiraea. see May 1846

Mountain Ash — has been in flower some days. bark of tree looks like hawthorn bark, & both like young apple trees.

Star of Bethlehem (Ornithogalum) has been in flower some days so called.

Bladder nut shows both flowers, and 3 cornered green bladders.

Sorrel makes red places in the meadows, on plains, &c

Friday 30. A cold, clear day.

Saturday 31 Great Frost. Therm. 28°. All tender plants, I conclude, are destroyed, and I fear that fruits have suffered also. Mr Shepard & I covered up our cucumbers, squashes & beans. Some others did the same & some did not. Many of our beans were killed under newspapers and dock and burdock leaves. Wind N.N.E.

Corn was generally cut down though not killed, also Broom-corn, potatoes, &c. where up.
There is a great destruction of beans, squashes & cucumbers, where not protected, & many were not yet up.
The frost was severe far and near. The leaves of some trees & shrubs were killed, it is said.

June 1845

Sunday 1. Mr. Spencer, one of our old ministers, preached. He is as he used to be — a powerful preacher.

Monday 2. Engaged on Parkinson's Flower Garden, Kitchen Garden, &c. published 1629 first. 1656, 2d Ed.

Tuesday 3 On the same borrowed book.

Wednesday 4. On the same. (also June 5

Shad have been caught abundantly at Say brook this season; and many below South Hadley Falls, where they are still taken — sold here from 25 to 34 cents. Some have been taken above the Falls.

Hoeing corn began, warm uplands, about May 20 and in the meadows about May 27. Some broomcorn was also hoed before June 1. People are hoeing this week, and will be next week. Some were planting last week.

Young Robins, as large as old ones, have left their nests also some of the young birds.

My Garden. Corn large enough to hoe. Beets 3 inches high Beans, not killed by frost, show only the leaves that first came up. Squashes have 2d leaves as large as a 25 cent piece; & cucumbers as large as a 6d piece. Some are much more forward, in other gardens, but some gardens are later — my peas 6 to 8 inches.

Grasses.

Poas (English) show panicles abundantly; begin to look a little reddish, but not in blossom.

Early Grass is plenty — full of anthers & has been for several weeks.

Tall meadow Oat-Grass (J. D. Whitney) show panicles — Tall grass (name not known to me) not much open.

Butter cups, Red Clover, Fleabane Daisy } are plenty in mowings & elsewhere but not in full bloom.

Peonies show splendid flowers — began about June 1.

Yellow Lilies are abundant.

Columbines are in their glory, wild & in gardens red, white, blue, &c.

Pinks — the smaller kinds are in blossom.

Garden Rocket is in full blossom (Hesperis.)

Snow Ball (a Viburnum) is at the full, very white

High Cranberry (a Viburnum) is at the full, and makes almost as much display as the Snowball (some a little past.) Its corymbs have flowers on the outside 4 times as large as those about the centre — at first green, now white. The cyme is rayed, so called.

Dogwood, smooth brown branch, (often noticed) is in full blossom & some a little past. The broad cymes, nearly level on the top, give the tree a fine appearance.

June 1845

Wednesday 4 continued.

Tallbriers, Wild Raspberry, Garden do., Thimbleberry, Dewberry } These are all in blossom but none in full. They all began last week, from 26th to 30th of May.

Lamb Laurel begins to blossom (Kalmia angustifolia)

Oxeye Daisy is in blossom, began about May 30th

Tulip Tree exhibits a few blossoms — began a day or two since.

Syringa (False) is in flower, but not yet full.

Rose, Cinnamon, shows its small flowers — has 3 or 4 days

Rose, White Scotch, (Talbots) is in full blossom. Small.

Lychnidia (Phlox) has been in flower some days — some are full. (also some other sorts.

Apples, Peaches, Pears } are 3/8, 4/8 + 5/8 inch diameter — vary much in size. Some peaches not 3/8. Some quinces over 3/8. also Egg plums.

Cherries are more than half grown.

Currants are almost full size, red & black.

Wolfs Bane (Aconitum napellus) begins to blossom. Flowers are Blue and look some like lupine flowers. (Dr. Walker.

Honesty or Satin Pod (Lunaria annua) in blossom at Dr Walker, and the thin Elliptic pods or siliques show themselves. A purple. This is the Viola lunaris vulgaris of old Parkinson, called honesty, he says, by some.

Ragged Robin (Lychnis flos cuculi of Eaton) at Dr. Walkers is in Blossom. This is a pink double flower, & seems to correspond with Parkinson's Lychnis silvestris flore plenorubro or Red bachelor's buttons, a double wild campion

Colic Weed or Dutchman's breeches. Mr Talbot has one species, handsome in his garden — has been in flower days or weeks, reddish. Is Dielytra or Corydalis formosa.

Orchard Grass is in Blossom.

White single Peonies (Peony leaf) are in Blossom (Whitman's.

Violets, Bicolor, &c are abundant in some gardens.

Striped Maple shows its racemes of winged seeds

Bladder Nut is full of bladders, 3 cornered & other shapes.

Horse Chesnut has lost the blossoms & shows small leaves.

Shadbush berries are turning red.

The Viburnum (No 3 Sudley 29) has lost most of its white blossoms. Some trees in shady places retain blossoms.

Spiked Indigo weed — is in flower, handsome Indigo color — has been in flower some time; is the Baptisia coerulea. Looks like lucerne.

Rye on the Plain shows flowers or anthers.

June 1845

Wednesday 4. Continued.

Strawberry bush – so called from smell of the flower. has been in blossom some time; a queer, leather looking flower. Seems to be the Calycanthus laevigatus, or Carolina Allspice.

Fragrant Honeysuckle, just begins to blossom at Talbots. In some bunches flowers, are some white inside & pink outside; & some buff or orange or reddish outside & yellow or orange inside. – Very sweet.

(Italicum. 3d June 1.46) Is not this the English Honeysuckle? It is ringent – not a trumpet. Flowers come out close to perfoliate leaves.

Red Honeysuckle, a regular trumpet, not ringent, is common and in blossom – no fragrance. Flowers have a common peduncle & are in whorls (perhaps the preceding may be called in whorls, one tier a little above the other) Red on outside & yellow or orange within. Perhaps coral is sub-ringent – one of the 5 divisions hangs down lower than the others. Seems L. grata or L. sempervirens, but both have perennial leaves.

Yellow Honeysuckle – much like the last except the color.

Locust, the common has been in flower 5 or 6 days.

do. Thorny, begins to show its small green flowers in racemes. Also the variety not thorny.

do clammy, just begins to have flowers.

Buttonwood looks ragged & forlorn. Many limbs with no leaves, & many leaves dying.

Mowings in homelots have high grass, and look richly. Red clover, Yellow Crowfoot & white fleabane with the green of the nettles & various grasses, make quite a display.

Thursday 5. A Thunder & wind gust here P.M. no rain. It was a hail storm in Williamsburg, Hatfield, &c. with high wind.

Friday 6. Stove was carried away yesterday & chimney took fire this morning & gave us some trouble.

Saturday 7. Hot. Dry

Locusts, the common are about, all blossom; very fragrant.

Syringes, about full blossom.

Meadow Parsnip, Cow Parsnip or Alexanders – is abundant in some meadow and upland mowings here; it was so also in Westhampton. It seems much more plenty than it used to be, and makes some fields look yellow. Seems the Smyrnium aureum of Dewey or Zizia aurea of Eaton. Is it the "alisander" of old Parkinson? Leaves are small & few.

Candytuft in gardens is in blossom.

Chestnut trees show aments but not flowers.

" Sweet William begins to blossom.

High Laurel out.

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Saturday 7. continued.

Celastrus Scandens (False Bitter-Sweet) shows small green blossoms, yet the book says they are yellow-white.

The Thorny Locust (Gleditschia triacanthos) has small green blossoms on the thorny & unarmed trees, yet the book says the blossoms are white.

Roses yellow, Burgundy (small) & others show themselves.

Snowberry, so called (name not in botany) shows flowers. It is Symphoria racemosa (or Lonicera racemosa in Ed.)

Sunday 8. Pres. Hitchcock preached. Hot day

Monday 9. On Indian language — Cotton's Vocabulary.

Settled with Saml Edwards for 1843. & 1844. (See Oct 17. 1843. Nov 15. 1843. April 26. 1844. & Oct. 26. 1844.) — Had of him —

In 1843 — 2 bush. Apples 84c. 6 bushels 3.60c. 1 bushel 60c
1 peck quinces 37c. 1 bush. Potatoes 42c. 5 G. Vinegar 83c } 6. 66
Indorsed Jan 13. 44

In 1844. 14 lb Ham 2.45. 7 lb. apples 294. 2 bu. apples 70c.
peck & more quinces 48c. 16. turnips 25. 5 Gal Vinegar 80c } 7. 62
Indorsed Jan. 13. 45.

all Indorsed on his note.

Evening Noises — &c

Frogs are heard — mostly the bull frog.
Crickets make a noise, but seem not numerous.
Horned bugs begin to hum. One came into my room last evening; also Millers.
Grasshoppers, I saw 4. 5. & 6 weeks ago; am not certain that I hear their noises in evening.
Lightning bugs have not appeared here — may be elsewhere
House flies & muskeetoes have not appeared.
Apple tree worms are crawling about — have not been plenty this season.

Tuesday 10 Hot day.

White Peony (Mrs S's) in blossom — flowers are rayed; the outside petals 2 or 3 times as large as the interior ones

Climbing Rose — makes more display than any other, or perhaps all others — some 10. 12. 15 &c feet high

Tall oat-grass — panicles fully out. [Flowered 11th.
Tall grass, (in Mr S's lot (narrow leaf } are in flower.
Tall grass (in Mrs. Weller's lot, wide leaf)
Poa grasses are in flower — some are reddish or purplish.
Some patches or small pieces are mowed: Dr. Walker, &c.
White Rose shows blossoms.
Herdsgrass — the tops of a few heads are visible.
Strawberries have been gathered in West Hampton &c
Green peas have been gathered by one man in this town (Mr Rust)
Spikenard (I think it is) shows very small white flowers
Toad Flax, a sort of Snapdragon, shows flowers.

June 1845

Money Matters. Receipts

June 7	Balance from May account		187.45
23	Rec. of J. P. Cooke, Esq. Boston for services		10.00
30	" of Samuel Edwards, interest 69.30. princ. 30.70		100.00.
"	" for writing 25c.		25
			$297.70

Payments

June 7	Town tax 21.65. off 5 per cent 1.08.		20.57
"	Parish tax 12.75 off 5 " " 0.64		12.11.
"	Mrs. Doris Clark. making Coat 2.50, making vest 50c. making pantaloons 50)		3.50
11	Paid Huntington for Note he held against Ebenr. Hunt of C. for cost on his affair when I sued him for possession		9.50
11	13 lbs Graham flour 39c Ind. meal 15c		0.54
14	Beef 21c. Rottenstone & soap. 9c. yeast 5.		0.35
18.	I. meal 17c. Bowls, 16. Plates 14, Cheese 30.		0.77
19	10¾ lbs dried beef 1.07. 2 qts cherries 17.		1.24
20	Manteau-maker 6c. fore-quarter Lamb 6 lbs. 42.		0.48
20	Snuff 8c. Potatoes 22c Beef 11c		0.41.
21.	Peninnah's Bills for the last year.		
	Articles of dress &c.	13.65	
	Her postage	3.31	22.80
	Expenses of coming home.	5.84	
23	mustard 6c. Cream Tartar 6c.		0.12
"	Washerwoman 50c. peck of peas 33c.		0.83
24	Wood of Horatio Strong Jan. 20. 1845		
	1½ cords hemlock	3 dollars	
	Parkman's bill against Strong	2. "	1.00
	Paid Strong the balance to day	1. "	
27.	Let Hall have 3 Dollars		3.00.
"	2 letters 12c. Candle 6c. 14 lbs G. Flour 42		0.60
28	Child's waggon 67, 50c and 12½c for Ap's child		1.29
			79.11
"	Paid John Clark for 6 bbls of extra flour		6.00.
July 1.	" Dr. Barrett for 14/2 qts Cherries 6¼c.		0.94
"	Carb. Soda 6c I. meal 18c. Peas 25c.		1.86
"	Postage bill 1.56. Levi Strong. Hooping Tub 30.		
"	Mr Durant's milk bill 75 quarts from May 1 to July 1. at 4 cents		3.00
7	Washerwoman 50c Expenses to Hadley 12½c		0.63
			92.00
7	Carried to New Book		205.70
			$297.70

Apphia owes for 2 letters 12c. waggon 1.00. Band box 62½
(2 letters on old office paid by money for Pin)
Letter 6c. mending breast-pin 17c. } 2.34

Pin 25c. letter from Sylv. to Jos. H. W. 12c.
5 letters through old office 25c to Aug. 14.

Aug. 14. Apphia paid me 2.34

June 1845

		Thermometer. Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Sunday June	1.	40	74.	58	Fair	Southerly.
	2	45	80.	61	Fair	S.
	3	46	82	65	Fair	S.
	4	58	84	68	Fair. Distant shower.	S.
	5	57	88	60	Fair. Wind Gust P.M. Hail & high winds in some towns.	S.W. N.W.
	6	53	76	54	Hazy.	N.W.
	7	41	72	60	Fair	N.W. S.E.
Sunday	8	55	90.	74	Fair. Hot	N.W. S.E. S.W.
	9	68	90.	67	Fair Hot	S.W. W. N.W.
	10	60.	89.	70.	Fair. Hazy. Hot	S.W.
	11.	68.	68	58.	Rainy A.M. Partly clear P.M.	N.E.
	12	54	74.	63	Fair - some Hazy.	S.
	13	62	82.	60	Heavy shower in night. Fair day	N.W.
	14	58	70.	56	Rainy A.M. Fair P.M.	N.E.
Sunday	15	49	73.	60	Fair. Cloudy towards night. Some rain in night	N.W. W. S.
Monday	16	60	81.	68	Fair, some Hazy P.M.	S.W.
Tuesday	17	59.	68.	52	Shower in night. Fair. Windy. Cool	N.W.
	18.	42.	73	58	Fair cool	N.W.
	19	54	74	60	Fair	S. and S.W.
	20	56.	75.	60	Fog. Fair.	Southerly.
	21	60.	72.	58.	Rainy A.M. Fair P.M.	S. & W.
Sunday	22	49	76	61.	Fair	N.W.
	23	57	80.	66.	Cloudy A.M. Fair P.M.	Southerly
	24	57	89	64.	Fair. Hot. Th Shower P.M.	S.W.
	25	58	76	58.	Fair	N.W.
	26	46	78	57.	Fair	N.W.
	27	50.	76.	60	Fair	N.W.
	28	52	85.	60	Fair in part. Cloudy. Rain after 5 P.M.	South.
Sunday	29	58	74	55.	Fair some, Cloudy some	E. & S.E.
	30	50.	55	50.	Cloudy. Some Rain. Cold. Fire comfortable.	N.E.
		1622	2324	1811		

At Sunrise $54\frac{2}{30}$
At 1 P.M. $77\frac{14}{30}$
At 9 P.M. $60\frac{21}{30}$

Average $64\frac{7}{90}$ or $64\frac{1}{13}$.

June has been rather cool and dry. There has been no soaking rain since the snow went off and grasses generally thin, except in rich, moist lands.

At Augusta, Maine (Insane Hospital) the fair weather (and rain) was similar to what it was here, but some variations. The temperature there was higher at night & morning than here, but lower at noon or 2 P.M. — 2 to 3 degrees higher at sunrise and 9 P.M. and about 4 deg. lower at 2 P.M.

June 1845.

Wednesday 11. Rain in forenoon — not heavy, but very refreshing. It was previously very dry.

Thursday 12. Walked out to bro. Parsons's & rode with him to my Gouch lot, on the old Gee farm. The selectmen met there & laid a road across part of the south side of the lot, which cut off, I judge 3½ acres of land, between the new and old road. I am to be paid for this & have a fence built by the side of the road. Road 86 rods on my lot. The lot is 50 rods wide at west end, and 100 rods from west end, about 35 — perhaps 40, and at east end on Southampton road 21 rods wide. The length I suppose is 160 rods or more. The whole quantity may be about 30 acres — perhaps there are 30 acres now left, perhaps not quite.

Plants still remaining in flower by road sides and elsewhere — Red & white clover, Buttercups, oxeye daisy, Fleabane daisy, Briers & other species of Rubus, Venus pride, Crowfoot Geranium, Columbine, Lupines showed blossoms & large pods on the plain. High & low Laurel, these are nearly full —
5 finger or Potentilla — a new species in blossom with a pretty yellow flower — leaf wedge form, not ovate at all. One species noticed a foot high, strawberry leaf, yel. flower.
Whortleberries, high & dwarf, — berries almost full size. One kind still in flower — flower spreading — perhaps the squaw, or green whortleberry.
Yarrow begins to blossom — Chesnuts not yet in blossom.
White Bush, or Pepper Bush (latter name probably from its
No 2 last year's capsules, shaped like those of the laurel, or
April 24 from the speckled bark, whitish with black or brown)
Andromeda paniculata. This whitish bush is abundant in Northampton, Westhampton, &c. covers a large portion of my pasture and the adjoining lands. The old seed vessels remain on the bushes, like the laurels, hardhacks, &c & large excrescences grow on the branches which at a distance look like flowers, as large as a rose. The small sub-globular flowers just begin to open; the opening quite small. Very few have opened — none in 4th.
Willow Hardhack (Spiraea salicifolia } show no signs of flowers.
Steeple Bush (Spiraea tomentosa } Old seed vessels remain.
Cedar bushes are full of greenish berries.
Berries of various kinds may be seen on shrubs.

Lightning bugs were plenty in evening, by side of road.
Whippoorwill sung near pancake plain last evening — the first I have heard this year.
I walked home from 6 to 8½ evening.
The Frost of May 31. killed many tender leaves between here and Westhampton.

June 1845

Friday 13. Heavy shower last night.

The pretty Iris with a very narrow leaf came out (Mr. S.S) 2 days ago

Lily. A yellowish-reddish, large high lily, with black spots is in blossom - (not tiger lily.)

English Cherries are changing color on earliest trees. The birds (cherry birds & robins) have already assailed one of Mr. Shepard's trees - The cherries are partly red on some trees in the village.

Corn } Have nearly all been hoed once, and
Broomcorn } had been by June 10.

yellow Lilies are past the full - are fading.

The Season is now as it was June 7 last year as to many things, or 6 days later. In some things, it is only 3 or 4 days later.

Low cornel or Dogwood, I found plenty of, in my pasture at Westhampton - a pretty plant, 6 or 7 feet high, herbaceous - 4 white involucral leaves like the high dogwood, and small flowers within; leaves veined like high Dogwood, and of similar shape - whorled.

Wild Roses, high & low, on road to W.H. &c. are not yet in blossom.

Saturday 14 } More rain.

Sunday 15 Mr Lord preached - son of late Mr. Lord of Williamsburg - a promising man.

Sounds & sights very distinct. Atmosphere must be moist.

Monday 16. Shower in the night. Sounds & sights still distinct.

Silver Maple or } is the Abele tree of Europe (Populus alba.)
Silver Poplar } Here as there it grows rapidly and sends up an abundance of suckers.

Elder (common black berried) just begins to open some of its flowers in its broad cymes. Looks like some of the Viburnums, & is of the same class and order.

Clammy locust is in full blossom, or a little past.

Syringa blossoms have mostly fallen.

Oxeye daisy is plenty west of the village, on poor land; not yet full.

Feverfew or Featherfew, a daisy, is in blossom in gardens. It is a chrysanthemum from Europe.

Herds grass heads are becoming numerous in rich places - not elsewhere.

A wild Rose 5 feet high is in blossom; flowers single & reddish. Seems to be the sweet briar or eglantine.

An Iris growing where water stands much of the year, and even in water now, shows its blue blossoms.

Celandine is in blossom & has been for some time.

Matrimony Vine is in blossoms; blossoms in pairs.

Eng. Cherries are generally turning red. Some are nearly or quite ripe.

June 1845

Tuesday 17. Windy. N.W. Atmosphere still moist. Shower lasting

Pond Lily (Nuphar) in blossom, in standing water.
Flowers yellow.

Viburnum, another species (No 10. May 12) on Mill River just begins to blossom. Leaf is ovate, with large teeth on edge, & veins very distinct, like the dogwood. Flowers in cymes - white, depressed in middle - have hardly begun to open. [Viburnum dentatum.

Dogwood, that has handsome red branches in the spring, has not yet opened its flowers [began to open 18th] Seems to be Red Osier, or red rod (cornus sericea). No. 9. back. Wh. flowers in cymes. No involucre, no corol, but a 4 toothed calyx [or corol & no calyx

Chestnut trees - not yet in blossom - not white.

Maple trees, on Mill River, look silvery in the strong N.W. wind, which turns up the leaves & shows the whitish lower side. - I notice spots on Tom & Holyoke that look silvery & change from that to greenish, as the wind blows more or less. This seems to be the maple leaves, turned up by the wind; and perhaps the leaves of some other trees, as maples are not numerous there.

Comfrey in gardens is in blossom.

Great Meadow Parsnip, 5 or 6 feet high, is in blossom. A large plant, with large spreading umbels. Heracleum lanatum.

Prim. A shrub that appears to be the real prim just begins to blossom in Hinckley's garden - look, some like the one called prim that blossomed a month ago. Lanceolate leaves. White flowers, panicled. Is not this the prim of Connecticut, Long Island, &c. of former days?

Currants are beginning to turn red.

Yellow Flower Currants are much larger than others - color not changed.

Fleabane - a tall kind, 3 feet high, or 2 to 3½ feet, shows white blossoms, dairy fashioned like the other F.s.

Wheat Harvest.

In Western S. Carolina, some part of Tennessee, and Eastern Virginia, they began to harvest wheat between June 6 and June 10. In Virginia, the wheat harvested is called early wheat.

Drought. The complaint of drought comes from all parts - until recent rains.

Frost. Much damage done by that, latter end of May in distant states.

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Wednesday 18. Children write that they are in Boston, on the way home, viz. Joseph, Apphia, Peninnah & babe.

Thursday 19. Green Peas are offered at 4/ bushel
English cherries are sold at 8 cts. a quart, & some, more.
Strawberries have been ripe sometime - not many for sale
Linden Tree English (Bass) begins to open fragrant blossoms.
Hoeing corn the 2 time is going on — also broomcorn.
Some have got half through.

Friday 20. Children mentioned above arrived this afternoon.

Saturday 21. Walked out to Halls with Joseph & Perin

Sunday 22 Mr. Temple preached A.M.
Hall & Frances came in.

Monday 23. Went with Josiah P. Cooke, Esq. of Boston to the Northampton & Hadley Burial Grounds and elsewhere, A.M.
P.M. I and Joseph & Apphia & Peninnah walked down almost to Pascommuck, on Rail Road.

Tuesday 24. A fine shower P.M.

Wednesday 25 Pleasant day

Thursday 26 do — do Joseph W. started for Augusta.

Friday 27 do do. Walked out to Halls with Apphia

Saturday 28 Partly cloudy. Wrote to J.W. in reply to his of 21st.

Sunday 29 A stranger preached A.M. Rev. Allen P.M.

Monday 30. Cloudy. Some rain

Cousin Samuel Edwards paid me 100 dollars — viz. On note dated June 7. 1842, (500 dollars) 1 year's interest to June 7 1845. 30.00

On note of same date for 100 dolls. 2 year's int. to do do and 36 cents on first year's interest } 12.36.

On note dated January 13. 1843. balance of interest to Jany. 13. 1845 — (principal is $343.57) } 26.94

On note of 100 dollars, above noticed, for principal 30.70

$100.00

Wool. People have been shearing sheep through most of the month of June — some earlier, some later. Wool is likely to be lower than last year, 20 per cent or so. Last year merino & Saxony brought from 35 to 50 cents.

Mowing. Many homelots are mowed and many not. The hay harvest is later than last year, &c. Mowing has hardly commenced in the meadows.

Hoeing corn & broom corn the 2 time is still going on, though mostly done. Some have begun 3 hoeing. Many hoe corn 4 times.

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Monday 30. Vegetation

Chesnut Trees are only whitish.
Butternuts are about half grown.
Button balls have recovered some — but foliage is thin.
Eng. Cherries are in different stages — some ripe & gone, some now fully ripe, & some not ripe. The colors are black, red, almost white, and red & white.
Red currants are ripe & red, when exposed to the sun. Many yet green or greenish.
Potatoes — a few are in blossom.
White Lilies have been out 3 or 4 days. These and other kinds of Lilies are conspicuous.
Roses of some kinds are plenty. The sweet brier and another single rose about 10 to 18 inches high, are both in blossom, in fields and by road sides.
Apples of last year are still for sale.
Elder is very conspicuous with its white flowers.
White Bush (Andromeda) is generally in blossom.
Smoke Tree or Fringe Tree } (Rhus Cotinus) is now quite showy with its plumose panicles.
Ailanthus has panicles of flowers (seems a huge sumac
Sumac (common) shows greenish flowers.
Redtop panicles are fully out.
House flies begin to be troublesome.
Birds — several kinds continue to sing, but there is much less music than there was in May.
Thimbleberries — black ones are growing red and yellow ones are becoming yellow.
Peaches are nearly half grown & trees are bending under the weight
Yarrow } are both plenty. Flowers have been out
Mayweed } some time.
Milkweed is in Blossom
Canada Thistle begun to blossom 2 or 3 days ago.
Foxglove in gardens is in flower — has been some time
Larkspur, common } show their blossoms.
do. bee }
Hollyhocks (tall) have flowers.
Candytuft — is in full blossom.
Scarlet Lychnis is in blossom.
Coreopsis (golden & purple) is in blossom
Musk mallows — are full of flowers.
Mullein pink (Agrostemma) is in blossom
Cockle or Rose Campion (Agrostemma) is in blossom.
Greek Valerian is in blossom — has long been so.

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Monday 30. Vegetation — continued.

My garden.

Bushbeans are in blossom

Pole beans are climbing the poles — most have just begun. Some are up one or two feet on the pole.

Peas — marrowfats have just begun to blossom — are 4½ to 5½ feet high. Early Warwicks are 2½ to 3 feet high — have been in blossom some days.

Beets are a foot high or more, as they stand, some not so high.

Squashes, summer & winter, have leaves 6 or 7 inches in diameter, and leaf stalks over 12 inches long.

Cucumbers — are beginning to run on the ground.

Cabbages — leaves not over 3 inches in diameter.

Sweet-corn — that first planted is two feet high as it stands, or near that — leaves would stretch up about 3 feet from the ground.